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CANTERBURY, NEW HAMPSHIRE

**1981
ANNUAL
REPORT**



**The
Osgoodite
Story**





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A DELIGHTFUL DISRESPECT FOR STATE GOVERNMENT

Nearly every Granite Stater has heard of Shaker Village in Canterbury, that utopian religious community whose celibate ways proved to be a self-destruct mechanism. Yet few know about the Osgoodite settlement contemporary with it at the other end of town, due West as the crow flies about five miles. By quirk of fate, the Canterbury in New Hampshire that nurtured both groups in its fields and forests proved as fertile ground for religious thought as its namesake in England. The two groups, though sharing geographic proximity, had disparate philosophies. Now both have ebbed and it is time to look back at the little known and largely ignored Osgoodites.

Simply stated, the Osgoodites were followers of Jacob Osgood. Jacob was born March 16, 1777 at South Hampton, New Hampshire. Philip Osgood, his father, had been married successively to South Hampton's three Flanders sisters; Elizabeth, Appia, and Mehitable, the last of whom likely was Jacob's mother. The family pulled stakes when Jacob was 12 and moved to Warner. At age 20, young Osgood betrothed Miriam Stevens of Sutton and in 1812 built a moderate-sized farmstead on Mink Hill in Warner (also known as Waterloo or Bean's Mills). Both enjoyed singing and the couple belonged to the Congregational Church choir.

1802 saw Jacob Osgood spiritually awakened, and he became a Congregationalist, with reservations. Later he would look back on himself as a "Pharisee" during this period, "strict to the meeting house." Jacob felt called by God to preach, and so one October Sabbath in 1805 he stood up in church and spoke until the congregation "began to stamp and rap."

Thereafter he allied with the Free-Will Baptists (another denomination that originated in New Hampshire), but left them too after the elders objected to his rocking the theological boat. As a result

of this cleavage, Jacob Osgood founded his own brand of faith. In his autobiography he states it thusly: "God led me out of town meetings and trainings, but the churches were all in them, believing in politic religion, fighting and killing one another."

Osgood's first disciple was Brother Thomas Hackett of Warner. Hackett accompanied Jacob on proselytizing missions for a time, but didn't really have his heart in it and "fell away and went into the world, and went to drinking rum and smoking cigars, and so remained until the day of his death." Within a few years two principal communities of followers existed, one in Warner with about 50 persons and one in Canterbury with at least 30 families. Sutton, Bradford, Gilford, Gilmanton, South Hampton, Newtown, Amesbury Mills and Newbury-Byfield all contained scattered followers.

A considerable notoriety was earned by the outspoken and fanatically zealous Osgoodite manner of life and worship. One town history gives a detailed picture of their personal appearance:

"The garments of the Osgoodites were as peculiar as their religious professions, especially those of the women. The dresses were cut entirely plain. Across the shoulders they wore a white kerchief and on the head a linen bonnet in the summer and a woolen hood in the winter.

The dressing of the hair conformed to the plainness of the clothes. The garments of the men were not so strikingly odd as those of the women, but they refused to conform to the styles of their generation. They wore their hair long and unkempt as showing their contempt for the fashions of the day."

One of their spirituals, Hymn 23, verifies these observations:

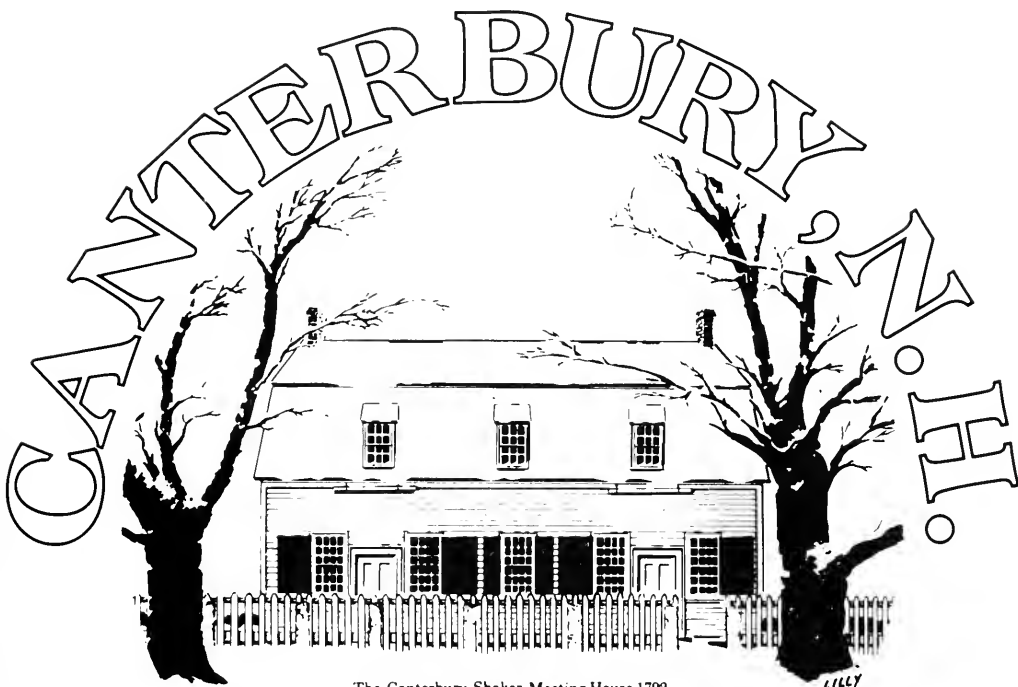
*Redeem'd from great bonnets
and fixing their breasts,
Redeem'd from their ear-rings
and from all the rest,
Redeem'd from their gold,
and their silks they do wear,
Redeem'd from their curling
and plaiting their hair.*

Osgoodite worship conflicted with all other existing forms of worship. Services were held in schoolhouses or private homes. The format was irregular, and even spectators participated. Often outsiders asked questions designed to elicit responses showing the sect's peculiarities. Curiosity seekers laughed at answers rendered by the speaking elders, regarding the whole meeting as a three ring circus.

Most spectacular of all Osgoodite gatherings were the great revival meetings, one of which was held on Mt. Kearsarge around 1830. Prayers, exhortations and hymns comprised the worship, and language used by Osgoodite clergy was often crude or bordering on the vulgar as they decried shortcomings of other people and groups.

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**ANNUAL REPORTS
OF THE TOWN OFFICERS
OF THE TOWN OF**



The Canterbury Shaker Meeting House 1792

HANDS TO WORK AND HEARTS TO GOD

**SETTLED
1727**

COMPRISING THOSE OF THE SELECTMEN, TREASURER,
TOWN CLERK, TAX COLLECTOR,
HEALTH OFFICER, ROAD AGENT,
LIBRARY TRUSTEES, TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS,
PLANNING BOARD, BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT,
CONSERVATION COMMISSION,
HISTORICAL COMMISSION, HISTORICAL SOCIETY,
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Dedication



LEONA AND CARL THUNBERG

This 1981 Canterbury Annual Town Report is dedicated to the memory of the late Carl Thunberg and to his widow, Leona, who is the present Mrs. Alex Standish. Carl and Leona, perhaps more than anyone else in Canterbury's recent history, typified the cooperative and energetic community-service spirit that makes the town unique among its peers. Both served in a variety of public, church and community related activities for many years and the results of their efforts continue to have an important impact on the quality of Canterbury life.

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TOWN OFFICERS

(Elected)

Selectmen (3 Yrs.)

Arthur E. Hudson Jr., Chairman (1983)
James Ashworth (1982)
Robert Scarponi (1984)

Town Clerk (3 Yrs.)

Cheryl Gordon (1983)

Treasurer (1 Yr.)

Everand D. Young (1982)

Tax Collector (3 Yrs.)

Cheryl Gordon (1983)

Auditors (1 Yr. and 2 Yrs.)

William Haney (1982)
William Mears (1983)

Moderator (2 Yrs.)

Oliver Fifield (1982)

School Board (3 Yrs.)

Paul Raymond (1982)
William Mears (1983)

Planning Board (3 Yrs.)

Thomas Geno, Chairman (1983)
James Pannell (1983)
Robert Scarponi (1982) (Resigned 3/81)
Richard Dickson, Jr. (1982)
Ronald Corriveau (1984)

James Carter	(1982)	Appointed
Katharine Bogle		(1984)
James Ashworth, Selectman		
Appointed Alternates:		
Kenneth Bouchard		
Jill McCullough	— Resigned	
Sally Kiely	— Resigned	
William Egan		

Cemetery Committee (3 Yrs.)

Virginia Dudley	(1983)
Linwood Rogers	(1982)
Charles Dubois	(1984)

Supervisors of Checklist (6 Yrs.)

Paulette Gladu	(1982)
Priscilla Lockwood	(1984)
Mary Ann Winograd	(1986)

Library Trustees (3 Yrs.)

Mary Ann Sanborn	(1982)
William Lott	(1982) Resigned 11/81
Toni Halla	(1983)
Jacqueline Gilman	(1983) Resigned 10/81
Mason Newick	(1982) Appointed
Lois Johanson	(1984)

Trustee of Trust Funds (3 Yrs.)

Virginia Dudley	(1983)
Nancy Lilly	(1982)
Dan Rownd	(1984)

TOWN OFFICERS
(Appointed)

Clerk of the Board
Kathryn Dickson

Assistant Clerk of the Board
Jacqueline Margerison

Road Agent
Hugh R. Fifield

Police
Harry Heath, Chief
Henry Greemore, Officer

Health Officer
Dr. Gerard Smith

Fire Warden
Philip Rollins

Budget Committee (3 Yrs.)
Everand Young, Chairman (1982)
George Glines (1984)
Paulette Gladu (1984)
Ludger Flamand (1984)
Robert Lee (1982)
Gerow Brill (1983)
Sargent Goodhue (1983)
Richard Ennis (1983)

Board of Adjustment (5 Yrs.)
Joseph Halla, Chairman (1986)
Sabin Guertin (1982)
Philip Cochrane (1983)

Carol Ashworth	(1984)
John Pratt	(1985)
Alternates:	
Dan Rownd	(1982)
Jeff Brillhart	(1982)

Conservation Committee (3 Yrs.)

James Carter, Chairman	(1984)
Dale Caswell	(1984)
Paul Sanborn	(1984)
Karolyn Sidway	(1982)
Ann Fifield	(1982)
Nola Stokes	(1983)
Robert Fife	(1983)

Fire Department

Philip Rollins, Chief
Peter Angwin, 1st Deputy
Arthur Landry, Secretary-Treasurer

Librarian

Claudia Leidinger

Building Inspector

B. Gregory Miller (Appointed 5/5/81)

Recreation Committee (3 Yrs.)

Richard Ennis, Chairman	(1983)
Kathy Gelinas	(1983)
Virginia Plisko	(1982)
William Messer	(1982)
Thomas Geno	(1984)

WARRANT FOR THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

State of New Hampshire

The Polls will be open from 10:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M.

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Canterbury in the County of Merrimack in said State, qualified to vote in Town Affairs.

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in said Canterbury on Tuesday, the Ninth day of March, next at 10:00 of the clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects:

FIRST SESSION

The FIRST SESSION shall be held at the Town Hall in said Canterbury, on Tuesday, the Ninth day of March next, between the hours of 10 A.M. o'clock and 7 P.M. o'clock in the afternoon to act upon the following:

1. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing, by ballot.
2. To see if the Town will adopt the following changes to the Zoning and Building Ordinances and Building Codes, by ballot.

AMENDMENTS TO ZONING ORDINANCE TO BE ACTED ON AT THE FIRST SESSION OF TOWN MEETING

Amendment 1:

To add to Article II Section A of the existing ordinance the following:

The conversion of any commercial or residential building so as to create one or more additional dwelling units shall conform to this ordinance, the building codes, and the subdivision regulations of the town.
(The effect of this amendment is to require a building permit for each dwelling unit)

Amendment 2:

To amend the first sentence of Article II Section I of the existing ordinance to read:

Mobile homes are permitted only in mobile home parks and mobile home cluster subdivisions as provided for in Articles 6.03 and 6.05. . . .

(The effect of this amendment is to bring our ordinance in compliance with the new state mobile home law.)

Amendment 3-a:

To amend Article III of the existing ordinance by adding the following definition:

ABUTTER

Any person whose property is located in New Hampshire and adjoins or is directly across the street or stream from the land under consideration by the Planning Board. For purposes of receiving testimony only, and not for purposes of notification, the term abutter shall include any person who is able to demonstrate that his land will be directly affected by the proposal under consideration. (RSA 36:1, IX)

(The effect of this amendment is to bring our ordinance in compliance with state law.)

Amendment 3-b:

To amend Article III of the existing ordinance by adding the following definition:

CLUSTER

A division of land into lots for use as building sites

where said lots are arranged into one or more groups and where each has an area and dimensions less than the minimum required for the district. However, the total number of lots in the tract shall not exceed the number permitted in a normal subdivision for that district.

Amendment 3-c:

To amend Article III of the existing ordinance by adding the definition:

CONDOMINIUM

Real property, and any interest therein, pursuant to RSA 356-B:3v. In addition, any buildings involving cooperative ownership and conversions of existing buildings to cooperative ownership or condominiums shall be considered condominiums for the purpose of this ordinance.

Amendment 3-d:

To amend Article III Section 7 of the existing ordinance by deleting the words “physically separated from any other dwelling units in the same structure” so it will read:

DWELLING UNIT

One room or rooms connected together, constituting a separate, independent housekeeping establishment and containing independent cooking and sleeping facilities.

Amendment 3-e:

To amend Article III of the existing ordinance by adding the definition:

DWELLING, TWO FAMILY

A single structure designed for or containing two independent dwelling units physically connected in such a way that separation is impracticable.

Amendment 3-f:

To amend Article III of the existing ordinance by adding the definition:

INDUSTRIAL USES

Any use of land or buildings for the purpose of producing or manufacturing goods or raw materials.

Amendment 3-g:

To amend Article III Section 6 of the existing ordinance by amending the definition to read:

MULTI-FAMILY DWELLING

A residential building designed or used for occupancy by three or more families having separate housekeeping facilities, including apartment houses, condominiums, cooperatives or other residences involving a form of shared ownership.

Amendment 3-h:

To amend Article III Section 14 of the existing ordinance by amending the definition to read:

ROAD OR STREET

- A. Any road which is accepted or maintained by the town or state, or
- B. Any private road or right of way which is part of a subdivision, or
- C. Any class 6 road as shown on the Town Road Map as included in the Plan for Tomorrow, or
- D. For the purposes of building setback (Article 5.3B) and frontage (Article 5.3C), any rangeway as laid out in the original granting of lots.

Amendment 3-i:

To amend Article III Section 11 of the existing ordinance by amending the definition to read:

MINOR SUBDIVISION

A subdivision into less than 4 lots requiring no new

roads or municipal improvements and providing that minor subdivisions on class 6 roads may be required to meet criteria set forth in major subdivisions as specified in the Subdivision Regulations of the Town of Canterbury. A proposed subdivision which is one of two or more successive minor subdivisions (regardless of ownership) occurring within a 5 year period, where a total number of lots in all the subdivisions taken together is 4 or more, shall be considered a major subdivision for all purposes.

Amendment 3-j:

To amend Article III Section 9 of the existing ordinance by amending the definition to read:

SUBDIVISION

The division of a lot, tract, or other parcel of land into 2 or more lots, plats, sites or other divisions of land for the purpose, whether immediate or future, of sale, rent, lease, condominium conveyance or building development. It includes resubdivision and when appropriate to the context, relates to the process of subdividing or to the land or territory subdivided. The division of a parcel of land held in common and subsequently divided into parts among the several owners shall be deemed a subdivision.

Amendment 3-k:

To amend Article III Section 2 by deleting the definition of Basement.

Amendment 3-l:

To amend Article III Section 3 by deleting the definition of Building.

Amendment 4:

To amend Article VI Section C1 of the existing ordinance by adding the following dimensions:

	Width	Depth
Res res historic	200 feet	300 feet
Res res natural	300 feet	300 feet

(The effect of this amendment is to specify lot depth and width in these zones which was omitted previously)

Amendment 5:

To amend Article VI Section C3 of the existing ordinance so that the first sentence will be replaced by the following:

Minimum setback of any building shall be 75 feet from any front boundary line or 100 feet from the center of the road, whichever is greater. Minimum setback from other boundaries shall be 20 feet.

(The effect of this amendment is to increase the setback from 50 and 75 feet to 75 and 100 feet)

Amendment 6:

To amend Article VI Section C3 of the existing ordinance so that the second sentence will be replaced by the following:

For the purpose of this ordinance, a “front boundary line” shall be a boundary which parallels or most closely parallels a road or street as defined in this ordinance.

(The effect of this amendment is to require all buildings to meet setback requirements on all roads whether town maintained or not)

Amendment 7:

To amend Article VI Section D of the existing ordinance to allow two family dwellings, (new or conversions) on a minimum of 4 acres in the residential zone by special exception.

(The effect of this amendment is to maintain density requirements the same as single family and to include conversions of existing buildings.)

Amendment 8:

To amend Article VI Section D of the existing ordinance to allow clustering of residential uses including mobile homes in the residential zone by special exception.

(The effect of this amendment is to bring our ordinance into compliance with the new state mobile home laws.)

Amendment 9:

To amend Article VI Section D of the existing ordinance to allow two family dwellings, (new or conversion) on a minimum of 6 acres in the rural zone.

(The effect of this amendment is to add two family dwellings in the rural zone and to maintain the density requirements the same as single family and to include conversions of existing buildings.)

Amendment 10:

To amend Article VI Section D of the existing ordinance to read:

Clustering of single family residential uses, except mobile homes.

(The effect of this amendment is to exclude clustering of mobile homes from the rural zone.)

Amendment 11:

To amend Article VI Section D of the existing ordinance by deleting the authority of the Board of Adjustment to modify lot sizes in the RRH & RRN zones.

Amendment 12:

To amend Article VIII of the existing ordinance so that it now includes mobile home cluster subdivisions in residential districts, subject to the same conditions as those applying to standard houses and also subject to

the limit on the total number of mobile homes permitted in the town.

(The effect of this amendment is to bring our ordinance in compliance with the new state mobile home law.)

Amendment 13:

To amend Article VIII of the zoning ordinance to include provision for clustering of multi-family houses, apartments, and condominiums in residential districts, subject to conditions similar to those imposed on single family houses.

(The effect of this amendment is to regulate the development of apartments and condominiums.)

Amendment 14:

To amend Article V Section III D and Article II Section I of the zoning ordinance to enable mobile homes to be sited on $\frac{1}{2}$ acre lots by special exception and further provide that the total acreage required shall not be reduced from that which would have been required had the density remained at a minimum of one mobile home site per 2 acres.

(The effect of this amendment is to change the lot size from $\frac{1}{4}$ to $\frac{1}{2}$ acre for mobile home sites within a park and to decrease the density from 1 mobile home per acre to 1 per 2 acres.)

Amendment 15:

To amend Article XIV of the existing ordinance so that it reads as follows:

The number of residential building permits for the construction of new or additional dwelling units which may be issued during any one building year shall be limited to 4% of the number of year-round single family dwellings existing at the commencement of the building year. The building year shall begin on the day after the annual town meeting and run to the date of the next

annual town meeting. Only one of these permits each year may be used for a multi-family dwelling and will allow that applicant to build a number of units up to a maximum of 1% of the year round single family dwellings existing at the commencement of the building year, subject to the limitation that the total number of units in multi-family dwellings shall not exceed 6% of the number of year round single family dwellings existing at the commencement of the building year. If the 1% limit is not used up by the first applicant in any given year, then a second applicant shall be eligible for a permit for the remaining multi-family units. No more than one permit per record holder shall be issued during the building year unless the total number of permits to be issued shall not have been issued by September 1 of the current building year, in which case a second permit (but in no event more than two) may be issued. An applicant who has been granted a permit for a multi-family dwelling shall not be entitled to a second permit in that building year. Permits shall be issued by the building inspector in the order that the completed applications are received by him. Once the number of building permits has been exhausted the building inspector may maintain a waiting list in the event that another permit becomes available during that building year, or to apply to the next building year. At no time may a record holder be on a waiting list in more than one place, and the waiting list maintained by the building inspector shall not extend beyond the next building year. "Record holder" shall mean the owner(s) of land in Canterbury on record at the Merrimack County Registry of Deeds at the time of application. Land owned in joint tenancy or as tenants in common shall not entitle the owners to more than the number of permits which would be available if the land were owned by one individual. No person, corporation, partnership or other entity shall directly or indirectly be a record holder of more than one parcel of land for purposes of obtaining building permits. For the purposes of

this article a new two family dwelling shall be considered a multi-family dwelling and a conversion of a single family dwelling to a two-family dwelling shall require a permit as an additional dwelling unit.

(The effect of this amendment is to provide for and suitably restrict permits for apartments, condominiums and multi-family housing and to delete the ability to transfer building permits.)

Amendment 16:

To amend the present zoning ordinance by adding the following:

To authorize the Planning Board to conduct Site Plan review in accordance with RSA 36:19a.

(The effect of this change is to authorize the Planning Board to approve or disapprove the design and layout of any development of apartment, condominium and industrial & commercial uses.)

Amendment 17:

To amend the present zoning ordinance by deleting all reference to those items pertaining to site design and layout which more appropriately belong in the Site Plan Review Regulations of the town.

(Implementation of this amendment is contingent on approval of Amendment 16.)

Amendment 18:

To amend the present zoning ordinance by deleting all reference to those items pertaining to subdivision which are already in the Subdivision Regulations of the town.

BUILDING CODE AMENDMENTS

Amendment 1:

To amend the Enforcement and Administration Article of the present building code section C1 B by deleting the word structural and adding at the end: or which results in an additional dwelling unit, or

(The effect of this amendment is to require a building permit for each dwelling unit.)

SECOND SESSION

The SECOND SESSION shall be held at the CANTERBURY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL on FRIDAY the 12th day of March next at 7:00 o'clock in the afternoon to act upon the following subjects:

4. To raise such money as may be necessary to defray Town charges for the ensuing year and make appropriations for the same.

5. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to borrow money, in anticipation of the collection of taxes, for the current municipal year, and to issue, in the name of and on the credit of the Town, negotiable notes therefore.

6. To see if the Town will vote to sell property taken by Tax Collector Deed by public auction or sealed bid. (RSA 80:42)

7. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate four thousand dollars (\$4,000) for the construction of recycling bins.

8. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate two thousand one hundred and ninety dollars (\$2,190) for the following new equipment for the Canterbury Volunteer Fire Department:

a. Two 1½-inch nozzles	\$ 250
b. Bolt Cutters 2 small pr. @ \$35 each	
1 large pr. @ \$120 each	190
c. Water Level Gauge (K2)	100
d. Ground Lights/Cords	150
e. Suction Unit (Medical)	375
f. 100 feet of 2½-inch Hose	375
g. Foam Equipment — Nozzles/Foam	<u>750</u>
Total	\$2,190

9. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate two thousand five hundred and thirty dollars (\$2,530) to continue the reimbursement program for active Canterbury Volunteer Firefighters.

10. To see if the Town will vote to approve semi-annual tax collection starting in 1983.

11. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate one thousand six hundred dollars (\$1,600) for the purchase of a mobile radio for the Police Department.

12. To see if the Town will vote to establish a Capital Reserve Fund for a revaluation of all property and to appropriate eight thousand dollars (\$8,000) for that purpose.

13. To see if the Town will vote to approve the Selectmen entering into contracts with elected town officials.

14. To see if the Town will authorize the Board of Selectmen, in concurrence with the Planning Board and the Conservation Commission, and after a public hearing, to sell the town-owned industrial land off West Road under conditions that best serve the interests of the Town.

15. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) to be used by the Planning Board in obtaining a survey and appraisals of the town-owned industrial land off West Road.

16. To see if the Town will vote to accept as a Class 5 road that portion of the East Branch of Battis Crossing Road which has been approved by the road agent as meeting the standards required by the Canterbury Planning Board as part of the requirements for subdivision of land along the road. Said road, being located in a

Rural Zone, is to be continued as a gravel road unless improved to a blacktop road at the expense of the abutting land-owners. Winter maintenance shall start during the winter of 1982-83. (By Petition)

17. To see if the Town will vote to discontinue and abandon all interest in "Glover Road," so-called, leading from the south side of Boyce Road South to the southern boundary of the land of William and Mary Colburn and further, to deed the Town's interest therein to the abutting property owners, said deed to be executed at the abutter's expense.

18. That the Town of Canterbury continue membership in the Central N. H. Regional Planning Commission and to pay the 1982 annual dues in the amount of seventy-five cents per person, and to raise and appropriate the sum of one thousand sixty-seven dollars (\$1,067) for that purpose. (By Petition)

19. To see if the Town will vote to approve the design and location of the proposed privately financed bandstand.

20. To see if the Town will vote to rescind all appropriations of funds not spent or encumbered received from the Revenue Sharing Fund established under the provisions of the State and Local Assistance Act and appropriated prior to 1982 Town Meeting.

21. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate seven thousand five hundred dollars (\$7,500) for insulating and other energy conservation work on the Highway Garage and Fire Department Garage and authorize the withdrawal of the amount required for this purpose from the Federal Revenue Sharing Fund.

22. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate seven thousand dollars (\$7,000) for a new roof on the Highway Garage and authorize the withdrawal of the amount

required for this purpose from the Federal Revenue Sharing Fund.

23. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500) for a new roof on the Town Hall and authorize the withdrawal of the amount required for this purpose from the Federal Revenue Sharing Fund.

24. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate five thousand dollars (\$5,000) for repairs to the incinerator and authorize the withdrawal of the amount required for this purpose from the Federal Revenue Sharing Fund.

25. Shall the citizens of Canterbury ask members of the New Hampshire Congressional delegation to support or co-sponsor a resolution in the U. S. Congress to: Request the President of the United States to propose to the Soviet Union that the United States and the Soviet Union adopt a mutual freeze on the testing, production, and deployment of nuclear weapons and of missiles and new aircraft designed primarily to deliver nuclear weapons, with verification safeguards satisfactory to both countries. (By Petition)

26. To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

Arthur E. Hudson Jr.
James Ashworth
Robert Scarponi
Selectmen of Canterbury

A true copy of Warrant — Attest:

Arthur E. Hudson Jr.
James Ashworth
Robert Scarponi
Selectmen of Canterbury

**RESULTS OF BALLOT VOTE
FOR TOWN OFFICERS
1981 Town Meeting**

SELECTMEN: 1 position 3 years

Gordon Jackson	99
James Pannell	55
Robert Scarponi	168

AUDITOR: 1 position 2 years

William Mears	27
Dan Rownd	5

TREASURER: 1 position 1 year

Everand D. Young	282
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CEMETERY COMMITTEE: 1 position 3 years

Colin Heath	17
Virginia Dudley	12

LIBRARY TRUSTEES: 2 positions 3 years

Judith Egan	170
Lois Johanson	216
G. Donald Niswander	137

TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUND: 1 position 3 years

Raymond Glines	10
Dan Rownd	7

PLANNING BOARD: 2 positions 3 years

Katharine Bogle	204
James Carter	133
Ronald Corriveau	196

MINUTES OF TOWN MEETING (Business Portion)

March 13, 1981

The adjourned Town Meeting was opened at 7:00 p.m. on Friday, March 13, 1981, by the Moderator, Oliver Fifield.

The Moderator read the results of the balloting at the first session. There were 346 ballots cast out of 791 names on the checklist.

James Lilly should be recognized for the design of the cover of the Town Report. Bud Thompson was thanked for the information for the article on the Canterbury Shakers. This year's Town Report was dedicated to Alice and Wilbur Thompson.

Nancy Lilly made a motion to dispense with the complete reading of the warrant and to read each article as it came up. Duly seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Article 3.

To raise such money as may be necessary to defray Town charges for the ensuing year and make appropriations for the same.

The amendments to the budget are as follows:

	Actual Revenue Yr. 1980	Estimated Revenue Yr. 1981	Increase
Source of Revenue			
From Local Taxes:			
Current Use Change Tax.....		6,500.00 (deleted)	
From State:			
Highway Subsidy.....		21,501.91	
State Aid Construction.....		21,501.91 (deleted)	
Receipts Other Than			
Current Revenue:			
Property Taxes.....	111,948.07	146,773.18	
Total Revenues & Credits..	\$273,177.84	\$310,568.56	\$ 48,331.27

	Approp. Ensuing Yr. 1981	Increase
Purpose of Expenditure		
Protection of Persons & Property:		
Reimb. to Firefighters.....	2,300.00 (deleted)	
Capital Outlay:		
Purchase of New Truck.....	4,000.00 (deleted)	
Purpose of Expenditure		
Capital Reserve Fund:		
Highway Truck Reserve.....	5,000.00 (deleted)	
Grader Reserve.....	5,000.00 (deleted)	5,000.00 (deleted)
Loader Reserve.....	5,000.00 (deleted)	5,000.00 (deleted)
Total 1981 Approp.....	\$292,136.56	\$ 30,045.07
Grand Total Including Revenue Sharing	\$321,168.56	

Charles Dean moved the budget be accepted as amended. Seconded by Robert Boyd.

Ken Bouchard wanted to know why there was such an increase in the property taxes. Selectman Jim Ashworth explained that the \$111,948.07 is the actual amount collected by the Tax Collector. There is still more owed to us, but that is all that was collected during 1980. Ken Bouchard asked what this would do to the budget when the money comes in. Jim Ashworth said that it will not affect the 1981 budget.

Charlie Smith wanted to know about the 9% interest charge on the property taxes. Jim Ashworth said that the State Legislature sets the 9% rate.

Mike Winograd asked since there is some increase in revenue, what is going to be the actual net impact on the tax rate? Jim Ashworth stated that we will approximately break even.

Oliver Fifield wanted to know how we made out in last year's actual budget. Jim Ashworth said that we over-expended \$6,500 of the total appropriation. Oliver Fifield then wanted to know just how much money the Town was being asked to appropriate this year. Art Hudson answered that the total amount is \$292,136.56.

Mike Winograd wanted to know what the impact would be in the changes of the Federal budget and the State budget. Have the figures been adjusted to take in actual revenue? He also asked if there was any specific data from Highway Subsidy. Art Hudson answered that the Highway Subsidy is a firm figure. The Federal Revenue funds are estimated from what we received from the previous year.

Karen Donnelly wanted to know why the figure of \$146,000 under property taxes is lower than we had in 1980. Arthur Hudson explained that we must raise this amount of money from the property taxes to pay for the town expenses, not counting the school budget.

Oliver Fifield wanted to know if the tax rate is going down. Arthur Hudson answered yes.

Mike Winograd asked what the actual revenue is for 1980. Skip Young, Treasurer, said that we anticipate no more than what we receive in revenue; therefore, the increase will be in taxes.

Quentin Hutchins asked if there would be an increase or decrease on the actual revenue. Skip Young answered that there would be an increase.

The motion to accept the budget as amended was passed.

Article 4.

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to borrow money, in anticipation of the collection of taxes, for the current municipal year, and to issue, in the name of and on the credit of the Town, negotiable notes therefore.

Doug Ruesswick moved the adoption of this article. Sabin Guertin seconded.

Article 4 passed.

Article 5.

To see if the Town will vote to sell property taken by Tax Collector Deed by public auction or sealed bid. (RSA 80:42)

Robert Scarponi moved that this article be defeated. George Kopperl seconded.

Tom Geno wanted an explanation of the present policy in relation to selling town land. Arthur Hudson said that there was no present policy.

George Kopperl said that it was not true that up until five or six years ago the Town did authorize the sale of tax deeds and then decided it was not a good idea. Oliver Fifield said, yes, the Town did take this position.

It was explained by the selectmen that the intent of the RSA article is to give the selectmen the authority to sell property taken by Tax Collector Deed. The tax deeds will be taken on delinquent property taxes.

Bob Scarponi thought that it should be up to the Town to decide whether or not a particular piece of land should be sold. He said he would like to see this article defeated.

Tom Geno wanted to know the assessed value of this property and how much income is the Town losing this year. The selectmen did not know.

Charles Dean said that the law was never voted on to say that we could take property by taxation.

Skip Young said that we should do something with this land and spoke in opposition of the defeat of the article.

Lois Booth asked the Conservation Commission if they had yet looked over the land that was acquired from her. Dale Caswell answered that they are in the process of doing so.

Charlie Smith moved that they end the debate and vote. The motion to defeat the article was defeated.

Rebecca Fowler moved to accept this article. Charles Dean seconded.

Ken Bouchard moved to amend the article to read: "To see if the Town will authorize the selectmen, after consultation with the Conservation Commission, to sell property taken by Tax Collector Deed by public auction or sealed bid. (RSA 80:42)" Sabin Guertin seconded.

Article 5 as amended was passed.

Article 6.

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000) for renovations to the Sam Lake House for use as Town offices, and to authorize the withdrawal of the amount required for this purpose from the Federal Revenue Sharing Fund and to authorize the Selectmen to enter into contracts to effect said renovation.

Charles Dean moved the adoption of this article. Charlie Smith seconded.

Mike Winograd wanted to know how much money was available in Federal Revenue Sharing Funds. Selectman Art Hudson said there was about \$32,000. Mike Winograd asked what the Town is going to get from the \$20,000 in terms of a long-term commitment. Mary Ellen Fifield said that the \$20,000 that we set aside should complete Phase 1 of the project to renovate the main house for use as town offices. This should also take care of the water situation in the basement and the insulating of the main part of the house. Mike

Winograd asked what the total cost would be. Mary Ellen Fifield answered that there is not a commitment beyond the \$20,000.

Sabin Guertin spoke in opposition to the article, as he thought the Town Hall should be renovated for the town offices.

Selectman Art Hudson thought that we should do something to restore the Sam Lake House before it deteriorates any more. The Town will get a chance to act on any plans for modifications in the future.

Linda Curtis asked if it was legal to use Federal Revenue Sharing on this project. The selectmen answered, yes.

Barbara Howell wanted to know where the money from the Sam Lake Trust Fund has been going. Mary Ellen Fifield said that the funds would be tied up for the next two or three years paying for the firehouse.

After considerable discussion of the article, Nancy Lilly moved its adoption. Seconded by Charlie Smith.

Article 6 was passed.

Article 7.

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate five thousand dollars (\$5,000) for renovation to the Planning Board room and rest rooms located in the Town Hall and to authorize the withdrawal of the amount required for this purpose from the Federal Revenue Sharing Fund. (Not required if Article 6 is passed.)

Charles Dean moved the defeat of this article. Charlie Smith seconded.

Article 7 was defeated.

Article 8.

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the selectmen to contract with a data processing company for maintenance of its fiscal and other records.

Sabin Guertin moved the adoption of this article. Charles Dean seconded but wanted an explanation from the selectmen. The selectmen explained that their primary goal was to computerize the tax records. Too much time is lost mailing out tax bills. In mailing out the tax bills, it ordinarily costs the Town \$1 per bill; the computer can do it for 50¢ apiece. The computer would also do away with handwriting blotter books and warrant books.

Gil Gordon made a motion to amend Article 8 to read: "To see if the Town will vote to authorize the selectmen after consultation with the State of New Hampshire to contract with a data processing company through competitive bidding for maintenance of its fiscal and other records." It was seconded.

Mike Winograd thought that this article was not proper because it did not state a specific amount of money. Catherine Newick said that it is not necessary to appropriate the funds, as the Town is being given the option to maintain its records with a computer.

Rob Upton wanted to know how much the computer services would cost. Art Hudson answered that they would be spending between \$250 to \$500.

Bill Mears moved to amend the amendment to limit the use of the computer for tax billing only. Ted Gladu seconded.

Selectman Jim Ashworth opposed the second amendment stating that the computer should not be limited to tax billing. Priscilla Lockwood suggested using the computer for the checklist.

Rob Upton asked if there would be an appropriation for the cost of doing this work. Oliver Fifield said that this simply is for the authorization of the selectmen to contract with a data processing company and there would not be an appropriation. Funds will come from the office expense account. Money not spent on hand-work will be used for computerizing.

After considerable discussion, the amendment to the amendment was voted on and defeated.

Arthur Landry moved the adoption of the article as originally amended. Charlie Smith seconded.

Article 8 was passed as amended.

Article 9.

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500) for repairs to the Town Highway Garage and authorize the withdrawal of the amount required for this purpose from the Federal Revenue Sharing Fund.

Charles Dean moved the adoption of this article. Eric Sharpe seconded and requested an explanation.

Hugh Fifield explained that the doors and the roof of the Town Highway Garage are in need of repair.

Bucky Rollins thought that the money should be in the Highway Department's budget for the repairs. Arthur Hudson said that it was not included in the present budget and the money would come from revenue sharing funds.

Bob Boyd asked if this money could be used to repair both the Fire Department and the Highway Department. Arthur Hudson said that this was not planned on.

Bucky Rollins wanted to know if the Town had the money to make repairs on the Fire Department building. He was advised that we do have money to maintain the building but not much.

Mike Winograd asked if we could amend the article to include the repair of the Fire Department doors. The Selectmen said that this article does not include the Fire Department wing.

Oliver Fifield moved the question.

Article 9 was passed.

Article 10.

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate two thousand five hundred and thirty-two dollars (\$2,532) for new equipment for the Canterbury Volunteer Fire Department and authorize the withdrawal of the amount required for this purpose from the Federal Revenue Sharing Fund.

Eric Sharpe moved the adoption of the article. Charles Dean seconded.

Sabin Guertin wanted to know what the money would be used for. An explanation was given by Bucky Rollins as to what equipment would be purchased with the money.

Article 10 was passed.

Article 11.

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate two thousand three hundred dollars (\$2,300) to continue the reimbursement program for active Canterbury Volunteer Firefighters.

Charles Dean moved to adopt the article. Walt Howell seconded.

It was explained that this was a continuation of the program started last year reimbursing the firefighters for money spent out of their own pockets for mainly gas. There are thirty-two active members presently.

Chuck Rancour asked how many members received money out of this fund last year. He was informed that there were twenty-two members, but there would be more added this year.

Article 11 was passed.

Article 12.

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate one hundred sixty-five (\$165) for the purchase of a lime-marker and a volleyball net.

Rich Ennis moved the adoption of this article. John Pratt seconded.

Rich Ennis of the Recreation Committee would like to purchase a volleyball net to be set up next to the fire pond to be used by the people in Town. The lime-marker would be used to line out the volleyball court and the fields at the school for the different sports.

Article 12 was passed.

Article 13.

To see if the Town will vote to establish a Capital Reserve Fund to purchase a road grader for the Highway Department and to appropriate five thousand dollars (\$5,000) for that purpose.

Charles Dean moved to adopt the article. Cliff Parker seconded.

Sabin Guertin wanted the Capital Improvement Plan explained. Arthur Hudson said that it is a plan to be used in conjunction with the town's master plan as a guide. The plan should be revised every year.

Tom Geno was in favor of the article but wanted to raise the amount to \$15,000 to keep ahead of the cost.

Rich Ennis wanted to know what the impact would be if all the articles establishing capital reserve funds were adopted. The selectmen told him it would be \$1.60 on the tax rate.

Skip Young objected to the \$15,000 amount but was in favor of the \$5,000 appropriation.

Dale Caswell thought it would be better to bond the road grader the year we buy it and spoke in opposition of this article.

Peter Hoffman wanted to know the capacity of the Town's bonding. There was no answer given.

Bob Scarponi thought that we should make appropriations now to begin a savings plan for funding projects. He was in favor of the passage of this article.

The question was moved. Article 13 was defeated.

Article 14.

To see if the Town will vote to establish a Capital Reserve Fund to purchase a loader for the Highway Department and to appropriate five thousand dollars (\$5,000) for that purpose.

Jim Ashworth moved to adopt this article. Charlie Dean seconded.

Bob Scarponi said that we must do something now to plan for future growth. He was in favor of the adoption of this article.

Ken Bouchard agreed with a Capital Improvements Program. He spoke in opposition to this article.

Gil Gordon wanted to know how it was going to look on the tax rate if we have to buy a loader and grader at the same time. He was in favor of the passage of this article.

After further discussion, the question was moved. Article 14 was defeated.

Article 15.

To see if the Town will vote to release eight thousand five hundred dollars (\$8,500) plus interest from the Capital Reserve Fund established for a Highway Truck and vote to appropriate an additional four thousand dollars (\$4,000) for the purchase of said Highway Truck.

Dale Caswell moved its adoption. Ken Bouchard seconded.

Hugh Fifield explained that the Highway Department would purchase a Ford 800 dump truck.

Eric Sharpe wanted to know what would happen to the old truck. Hugh answered that they would trade it in.

Article 15 was passed.

Article 16.

To see if the Town will vote to establish a Capital Reserve Fund to purchase a Highway Truck and to appropriate five thousand dollars (\$5,000) for that purpose.

Arthur Hudson moved to adopt this article. Charlie Smith seconded.

Article 16 was passed.

Article 17.

To see if the Town will vote to establish a Capital Reserve Fund to purchase a police cruiser and to appropriate one thousand dollars (\$1,000) for that purpose.

Arthur Hudson moved its adoption. Seconded by Tom Geno.

Robert Upton wanted to know when the new cruiser would be needed. The police chief said that there would be a three to four year time limit.

Article 17 was passed.

Article 18.

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of four hundred ninety-three dollars and seventy cents (\$493.70) for the Community Action Program.

Mike Winograd moved that we adopt this article. Charlie Dean seconded.

Ken Bouchard moved that we give permission to Laurie Jacoby of CAP to speak at the meeting. Becky Fowler seconded. Permission was given.

Miss Jacoby explained that the CAP program serves low-income people, the elderly, and handicapped persons. Residents of Canterbury received 2.09% of the services of the center.

Sabin Guertin moved the question.

Article 18 was passed.

Article 19.

To see if the Town will vote to create the Office of Deputy Tax Collector as authorized in RSA 41:38.

Charlie Dean moved the adoption of this article. Mary Ellen Fifield seconded.

Peter Hoffman wanted to know why we needed a Deputy Tax Collector. Arthur Hudson said that we would need a deputy in case Cheryl Gordon was not around to collect the taxes. The cost would be included in the tax collector's fees.

Article 19 was passed.

Article 20.

To see if the Town will vote to designate the Town Clerk as the officer who shall issue, on its behalf, the certificate of failure on the part of the Planning Board, as specified in RSA 36:23.

Tom Geno moved its adoption. Charlie Dean seconded.

Tom Geno explained that the legislature has specified that a town officer should be designated to issue the certificate of failure on the part of the Planning Board.

Article 20 was passed.

Article 21.

To see if the Town will vote to close that section of Hannah Dustin Drive from the Merrimack River approximately 150 feet South to the Anthony Mastey property boundary on the east side of said road.

Arthur Hudson moved its adoption. Charlie Dean seconded.

George Kopperl moved to amend the article to include "subject to gates and bars." It was seconded.

Brenda Joziatis, who resides on Hannah Dustin Drive, was opposed to the article and the amendment. She felt that they should keep an access to the river.

Ken Bouchard moved the question on the amendment. Passed.

Becky Fowler was concerned about the liability to the Town as far as the bridge goes.

Robert Upton wondered whether abutting land owners could put a barrier on that road instead of the town.

Brenda Josiatis would consider an amendment to cover just the bridge portion.

Charlie Smith had an understanding that the bridge was privately owned. Jim Ashworth said that it was privately owned and the selectmen had written a letter to the owners, but had received no response. He said that with the bridge there, people are trespassing across Mastey's land and he felt that we should get rid of the bridge.

A vote was taken on the article as amended.

Article 21 was defeated.

Article 22.

To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

Tom Geno brought up the subject of the Canterbury-Boscawen bridge. He stated that Canterbury must do something to protect the people from the bridge and made a motion to study this problem of getting rid of the bridge. Ken Bouchard seconded. It was decided that the problems with the bridge would be investigated.

Olivia Henry understood that the Town of Canterbury could use the beach at Sandogardy Pond for swimming and was thrown off the land because she was not a resident of Northfield. Mary Ellen Fifield said that the money was not appropriated for maintenance of the beach, so the people of Canterbury are not allowed there. Without an article in the warrant, just the Northfield residents are permitted to use the beach.

Robert Upton would like to make arrangements to investigate the possibility of appropriating the money so that Canterbury residents can swim at Sandogardy.

Eric Sharpe wanted to ban the use of salt on the roads in Canterbury.

Priscilla Lockwood stated that if you have not voted in the November or March election, you must register to

vote this year or your name will be taken off the check-list.

George Kopperl moved that when we adjourned the meeting, we adjourn in honor of Mary Ellen Fifield who served on the Board of Selectmen for many years.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:35 p.m.

REVENUE TO OFFSET 1982 BUDGET

SOURCE OF REVENUE

Local Taxes	EST 1981	ACT 1981	EST 1982	CHANGE
Resident taxes	7,200.00	8,280.00	8,200.00	1,000.00
Nat'l bank stock	19.00	7.00	20.00	1.00
Yield taxes	8,300.00	9,455.96	6,000.00	(2,300.00)
Int. on delq't taxes	3,400.00	5,200.82	6,000.00	2,600.00
Resident tax penalties	29.00	90.00	50.00	21.00
Inventory penalties	570.00	.....	.....	(570.00)
Current use change tax	6,500.00	9,406.02	5,000.00	(1,500.00)
From State				
Int. & div taxes	12,600.00	12,685.51	6,000.00	(6,600.00)
Rooms & meals tax	8,300.00	6,533.04	4,000.00	(4,300.00)
Railroad stock tax	24.00	38.16	38.00	14.00
Savings bank tax	3,500.00	4,403.53	4,000.00	500.00
Reimb. a/c forest lands	150.00	209.46	150.00	.....
Reimb. a/c forest fires	60.00	143.45	75.00	15.00
Reimb. a/c road toll ref.	1,100.00	607.32	1,000.00	(100.00)
Reimb. a/c old age assist.	2,300.00	1,580.17	2,000.00	(300.00)
Class V highway maint.	96.78	97.00	.....	(96.78)
Highway subsidy	21,900.00	(8,676.34	8,083.28)	(4,944.78)
Add'l highway subsidy .....	.....	( 9,205.96	8,871.94)	.....
TRA	6,719.69	1,605.85	6,520.57	(199.12)
Reimb. a/c bus. prof tax	4,902.00	5,221.60	4,699.00	(203.00)
From Local Sources Except Taxes				
Motor vehicle fees	33,100.00	34,179.00	32,000.00	(1,100.00)
Dog licenses	887.00	935.00	1,000.00	113.00
Filing and other fees	17.00	88.00	75.00	58.00
Rent of town prop .....	.....	50.00	50.00	50.00
Fines & forfeits .....	.....	350.00	.....	.....
Int. on deposits	4,100.00	.....	3,500.00	(600.00)
Inc. from trust funds	3,300.00	3,140.50	1,300.00	(2,000.00)
Income from Depts:				
bldg & zoning	1,500.00	1,537.50	1,500.00	.....
planning bd.	900.00	672.50	700.00	(200.00)
bd of adj.	112.00	187.50	100.00	(12.00)
police	91.00	.....	70.00	(21.00)
sale of recyclables	550.00	377.20	500.00	(50.00)
highway dept equip. ....	.....	465.00	400.00	400.00
Subtotal of current revenue	132,227.47	125,429.39	111,902.79	(20,324.68)
From Other Than Current Revenue				
Inc. from Cap. Res. funds	8,500.00	8,919.00	.....	(8,500.00)
Total surplus expected from last year			100,000.00	100,000.00
Provided by property taxes	107,673.18	176,794.85	51,739.85	.....
Total Revenue and Credits	239,889.00	311,143.24	263,641.57	
Property tax needed to pay for budget and warrant art's	120,867.79	125,199.20	62,597.85	
Total with Warrant Articles	261,595.26	259,547.59	274,499.57	

NOTE: This year's budget with warrant articles is \$274,499.57. Income is expected to be \$111,902.79 plus \$100,000 surplus from last year. This leaves \$62,597.85 to be raised by property taxes. Assuming last year's town valuation of \$13,500,000 the tax rate is expected to be \$.46 per hundred compared to last year's rate of \$1.25.

BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF CANTERBURY, N. H.

	1981	Spent to Date	1982	Increase	Decrease
General Government					
Town officer's salaries	19,250.00	17,641.94	21,506.00	2,256.00	....
Town officer's expenses	8,519.00	9,497.59	9,976.00	1,457.00	....
Election and registration	389.00	313.69	384.00	....	5.00
Town hall & other buildings	2,075.00	2,738.10	11,790.00	9,715.00	....
Protection of Persons and Property					
Police Dept.	20,110.00	19,828.48	20,610.00	500.00	....
Fire Dept. fixed expenses	3,305.00	4,000.60	2,005.00	....	1,300.00
Fire Dept. operating expenses	3,400.00	3,069.77	4,410.00	1,010.00	....
Fire Dept. forest fires	300.00	474.92	300.00	....	....
Clearing old trails	1.00	....	1.00	....	....
Insurance	20,027.00	17,757.90	18,643.00	....	1,384.00
Planning board	3,590.00	4,638.83	4,725.00	1,135.00	....
Central N. H. regional planning	845.00	845.00	....	....	845.00
N.H.M.A.	300.00	300.00	300.00	....	....
Dog costs & damages	300.00	175.50	300.00	....	....
Civil defense	1.00	0.00	1.00	....	....
Board of Adjustment	395.00	202.95	355.00	....	40.00
Health					
Hospital Appropriation	700.00	700.00	700.00	....	....
Vital statistics	50.00	17.50	50.00	....	....
Town dump	8,000.00	5,702.95	8,000.00	....	....
VNA	1,100.00	1,429.20	1,265.00	165.00	....
Penacook Rescue squad	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	....	....
Highways & Bridges					
Summer/winter labor/maint.	57,325.00	52,960.42	55,325.00	....	2,000.00
General expenses	17,664.00	23,130.43	16,180.00	....	1,484.00
Road tar	10,000.00	9,202.67	10,000.00	....	....
TRA — towns share	1,007.95	1,007.95	978.09	....	29.86
Street lighting	1,500.00	1,280.57	1,500.00	....	....
Libraries					
Elkin's Public Library	7,179.12	5,384.34	7,400.00	220.88	....
Public Welfare					
Town poor	500.00	....	500.00	....	....
Old Age Assistance	3,500.00	1,798.73	10,000.00	6,500.00	....
Patriotic Purposes					
Memorial day	200.00	136.70	200.00	....	....
Public Service Enterprises					
Cemeteries	3,500.00	7,222.28	5,000.00	1,500.00	....
Conservation Commission	90.00	66.00	80.00	....	10.00
Conservation Commission land fund	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	....	....
Historical Society	950.00	....	400.00	....	550.00
Unclassified					
Damages & legal expenses	5,000.00	2,026.15	5,000.00	....	....
Social security	10,500.00	11,936.64	7,000.00	....	3,500.00
Interest					
Tax anticipation notes	7,000.00	14,017.49	15,000.00	8,000.00	....
Long term notes	3,628.49	3,628.43	2,822.48	....	806.01

New Equipment	1981	Spent to Date	1982	Increase	Decrease
Highway equipment capital res.	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	....	....
Highway truck reserve .....	....	....	5,000.00	5,000.00	....
Police cruiser reserve .....	....	....	1,000.00	1,000.00	....
Principal Payment on Debt					
Loader	3,000.00	3,000.00	paid off	....	3,000.00
Incinerator	4,875.00	4,875.00	4,875.00	....	....
Fire truck	6,560.00	6,560.00	6,560.00	....	....
Totals	<u>240,136.56</u>	<u>241,068.72</u>	<u>263,641.57</u>		

**PROPOSED WARRANT ARTICLES
NOT INCLUDED IN THE OPERATING BUDGET**

Warrant Articles	1981	Spent to Date	1982
11 Fire dept. reimbursement	2,300.00	2,300.00	2,530.00
12 Volleyball net & marker	165.00	128.17	
15 Highway truck purchase	12,500.00	9,557.00	
16 Highway truck reserve	5,000.00	5,000.00	
17 Police cruiser reserve	1,000.00	1,000.00	
18 Comm. Action Program	493.70	493.70	538.00
Police dept. radio			1,600.00
Fire dept., (new equipment)			2,190.00
Dump recycling bins			4,000.00
	<u>21,458.70</u>	<u>18,478.87</u>	<u>10,858.00</u>
Total Budget with Warrant Articles ..	<u>261,595.26</u>	<u>259,547.59</u>	<u>274,499.57</u>

Revenue Sharing

9 Town buildings	2,500.00	507.60	
10 Fire Dept. (new equipment)	2,532.00	2,532.00	
6 Sam Lake House renovation	20,000.00	18,433.24	
Dump incinerator repairs			5,000.00
Insulate highway & fire depts			7,500.00
Re-roof highway dept.			7,000.00
Re-roof town hall			2,500.00
	<u>25,032.00</u>	<u>21,472.84</u>	<u>22,000.00</u>

County Tax

Merrimack County	52,000.00	64,992.00	75,000.00
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SUMMARY OF INVENTORY

Land		\$ 4,533,900.
Buildings		8,491,092.
Public Utilities		521,802.
Mobile Homes & Trailers		<u>51,050.</u>
Total Gross Valuation		\$13,597,844.
Less Elderly Exemptions (25)		<u>127,950.</u>
Net Valuation on which Tax is Computed		\$13,469,894.
Loss Due to Vet's Exemptions (99)		4,950.
Loss Due to Total Disability (1)		700.
Town Tax Rate	\$1.25	
County Tax Rate	.48	
School Tax Rate	<u>3.35</u>	
Per \$100. Valuation	\$5.08	

RE: Current Use

Values before application of Current Use	\$5,629,551.
Values after application of Current Use	<u>3,193,657.</u>
Assessed Value Lost	\$2,435,894.
Number of property owners who were granted Current Use in 1980	179
Number of acres granted for Current Use Exemption	15,254.98

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES
December 31, 1981

	Approp.	Expended	Under (over)
Town officer's salaries	19,250.00	17,641.94	1,608.06
Town officer's expenses	8,519.00	9,497.59	(978.59)
Election and registration	389.00	313.69	75.31
Town hall & other buildings	2,075.00	2,738.10	(663.10)
Police Dept.	20,110.00	19,828.48	281.52
Fire Dept. fixed expenses	3,305.00	4,000.60	(695.60)
Fire Dept. operating expenses	3,400.00	3,069.77	330.23
Fire Dept. forest fires	300.00	474.92	(174.92)
Clearing old trails	1.00	.....	1.00
Insurance	20,027.00	17,757.90	2,269.10
Planning board	3,590.00	4,638.83	(1,048.83)
Central N. H. regional planning	845.00	845.00	.....
N.H.M.A.	300.00	300.00	.....
Dog costs & damages	300.00	175.50	124.50
Civil defense	1.00	.....	1.00
Board of Adjustment	395.00	202.95	192.05
Hospital Appropriation	700.00	700.00	.....
Vital statistics	50.00	17.50	32.50
Town dump	8,000.00	5,702.95	2,297.05
VNA	1,100.00	1,429.20	(329.20)
Penacook Rescue squad	1,000.00	1,000.00	.....

	Approp.	Expended	Under (over)
Highway Dept.			
Summer/winter labor/maint.	57,325.00	52,960.42	4,364.58
General expenses	17,664.00	23,130.43	(5,466.43)
Road tar	10,000.00	9,202.67	797.33
TRA — town's share	1,007.95	1,007.95	.....
Street lighting	1,500.00	1,280.57	219.43
Elkin's Public Library	7,179.12	5,384.34	1,794.78
Town poor	500.00	.....	500.00
Old Age Assistance	3,500.00	1,798.73	1,701.27
Memorial day	200.00	136.70	63.30
Cemeteries	3,500.00	7,222.28	(3,722.28)
Conservation Commission	90.00	66.00	24.00
Conservation Commission land fund	1,000.00	1,000.00	.....
Historical Society	950.00	.....	950.00
Damages & legal expenses	5,000.00	2,026.15	2,973.85
Social security	10,500.00	11,936.64	(1,436.64)
Interest			
Tax anticipation notes	7,000.00	14,017.49	(7,017.49)
Long term notes	3,628.49	3,628.43	.06
Principal payments			
Loader	3,000.00	3,000.00	.....
Incinerator	4,875.00	4,875.00	.....
Fire truck	6,560.00	6,560.00	.....
Highway equipment capital res.	1,500.00	1,500.00	.....
Totals without Warrant Arts.	240,136.56	241,068.72	(932.16)

Warrant Articles			
	Approp.	Expended	Under (over)
11 Fire dept. reimbursement	2,300.00	2,300.00	....
12 Volleyball net & marker	165.00	128.17	36.83
15 Highway truck purchase	12,500.00	9,557.00	2,943.00
16 Highway truck reserve	5,000.00	5,000.00	....
17 Police cruiser reserve	1,000.00	1,000.00	....
18 Comm. Action Program	493.70	493.70	....
Totals	261,595.26	259,547.59	2,067.67
Revenue Sharing			
9 Town buildings	2,500.00	507.60	1,992.40
10 Fire Dept. (new equipment)	2,532.00	2,532.00	....
6 Sam Lake House renovation	20,000.00	18,443.24	1,556.76
	25,032.00	21,472.84	3,549.16
Other Expenditures			
School district		413,860.81	
Taxes bought by town		46,642.40	
County tax		64,992.00	
Refunds due to overpayments		5,111.91	
Repayment of tax anticipation notes		300,000.00	
Paid Revenue Sharing from this account			
in error (reimbursed from Rev. Shar.) ..		989.02	
Total Paid by Selectmen		1,091,143.73	

SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

Town Hall, land and buildings	\$ 78,500.
Furniture and Equipment	1,000.
Library, land and building	47,300.
Furniture and Equipment	10,000.
Police Department Building	19,700.
Contents	500.
Garage and Fire Station	133,400.
Contents	2,000.
Historical Building	17,600.
Contents	5,000.
School, Building, Land and Equipment	701,800.
Sam Lake House and Buildings	42,500.
Contents	5,000.
Town Dump, Land & Improvements	55,000.
Incinerator	17,600.
Blacksmith Lot	100.
Industrial Site	17,950.
Land W/S Route #93 on Northfield	
Town Line	5,500.
Land off Whitney Hill Road on	
Loudon Town Line	2,100.
Land on E/S Route 3B — purchased	
by Conservation Commission	850.
Land acquired through Tax Deeds	1,300.
	\$1,164,700.

BALANCE SHEET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR
Ended December 31, 1981

Assets

Cash in hands of treasurer		170,958.96
Cash in hands of selectmen		4,527.93
Accounts due the town		
New equipment reserve	7,777.79	
Highway truck reserve	5,000.00	
Police cruiser	1,000.00	
Conservation Comm. fund	<u>10,948.49</u>	
		24,726.28
Uncollected taxes:		
Levy of 1981	194,218.33	
Levy of 1980	2,169.26	
Levy of 1979	....
Previous years	<u>17,447.67</u>	
		213,835.26
Unredeemed taxes:		
Levy of 1980	27,761.15	
Levy of 1979	12,048.19	
Levy of 1978	5,379.48	
Previous years	<u>18,306.53</u>	
		<u>63,495.35</u>
Total Assets		<u>477,543.78</u>

Liabilities

Unexpended Revenue Sharing funds	13,927.61
Yield tax deposits (in escrow)	4,982.49
Due to school district	265,189.50
Capital Reserve Funds	<u>24,726.28</u>
Total Liabilities	308,825.88
Excess of assets over liabilities	168,717.90

TOWN OF CANTERBURY
LONG-TERM INDEBTEDNESS
STATEMENT OF DEBT SERVICE REQUIREMENTS
December 31, 1981

	Incinerator Notes 5.75%	Fire Truck Notes 5.75%	TOTAL	
Amt. of Original Issue	\$48,750.00	\$32,800.00	Principal	Interest
Date of Original Issue	4-20-77	3-6-79	11,435.00	2,822.48
Principal Payment Date	April 20	March 6	11,435.00	2,155.96
Interest Payment Date	April 20	March 6	11,435.00	1,498.45
Payable At	Concord Nat'l Bank	Concord Nat'l Bank	4,875.00	840.94
			4,875.00	560.63
			4,875.00	280.31
			\$48,930.00	\$8,158.77
Maturities				
Fiscal Yr. Ending				
December 31, 1982	4,875.00	1,681.88	6,560.00	1,140.60
December 31, 1983	4,875.00	1,401.56	6,560.00	754.40
December 31, 1984	4,875.00	1,121.25	6,560.00	377.20
December 31, 1985	4,875.00	840.94		
December 31, 1986	4,875.00	560.63		
December 31, 1987	4,875.00	280.31		
Totals	\$29,250.00	\$5,886.57	\$19,680.00	\$2,272.20

REPORT OF TOWN CLERK — 1981

Debits

Auto Permits Collected 1981	\$34,179.00
Dog Licenses Collected 1981	935.00
Filing Fees 1981	2.00
Marriage Licenses — 1981	52.00
1 — Town History — Money received by Town Clerk	35.00
Balance in checking account (includes service charges for bad checks.)	<u>146.00</u>
TOTAL	\$35,349.00

Credits

Remitted to Treasurer:	
Auto Permits	\$34,179.00
Dog Licenses	935.00
Marriage Licenses	52.00
Filing Fees	2.00
Town History (1)	35.00
Balance in checking account	<u>146.00</u>
TOTAL	\$35,349.00

Fees Paid to Town Clerk:	
Auto Permits	\$ 1,311.48
Dog Licenses	104.50
Vital Statistics	<u>17.50</u>
TOTAL	\$ 1,433.48

A true report to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Cheryl A. Gordon
Town Clerk

TREASURER'S REPORT — 1981

Cheryl Gordon, Tax Collector	\$ 743,978.14
Cheryl Gordon, Town Clerk	35,349.00
State of New Hampshire	
State & Federal Forest Land Reimb.	209.46
Railroad Tax	38.16
Savings Bank Tax	4,403.53
Room & Meals Tax	6,533.04
Interest & Dividends Tax	12,685.51
Forest Fire Reimbursement	143.45
Highway Subsidy	8,676.34
Additional Highway Subsidy	9,205.96
Gas Tax Refund	607.32
Business Profits Tax	21,226.68
TRA Reimbursement	913.00
Class V Reimbursement	1,254.63
O.A.A. Refund	1,580.17
Tax Anticipation Notes	300,000.00
Sale of Recycables	377.20
Board of Adjustment Hearings	187.50
Current Use Fees	54.00
Use of Copy Machine	36.00
Building Permits & Renewals	1,400.00
Building and Zoning Ordinances	47.50
Pistol Permits	34.00
Intent to Cut Bonds	6,297.85
Abutters Fees	102.75
Planning Board Hearings	37.50
Sub Division Fees	525.25
Sub Division Regulations	7.00
Trustees of Trust Funds	12,128.31
Planning Board Fines	350.00
Refunds	1,147.22
Unclaimed Checks	128.00
Rent of Town Hall	50.00
Total Receipts 1981	<u>\$1,169,714.47</u>

Balance on Hand Jan. 1, 1981	<u>78,460.61</u>
Total Funds Available	\$1,248,175.08
Less Selectmen's Orders Paid	<u>1,091,143.73</u>
Balance on Hand Dec. 31, 1981	<u><u>\$ 157,031.35</u></u>

REVENUE SHARING ACCOUNT

Balance on Hand Jan. 1, 1981	\$32,820.87
Receipts:	
Interest	2,830.85
U. S. Treasury Allotment	<u>13,535.00</u>
Total Rev. Shar. Funds Available	49,186.72
Less Selectmen's Orders Paid	<u>23,758.81</u>
Balance on Hand Dec. 31, 1981	<u><u>\$25,427.91</u></u>

Appropriations	Approp.	Expenditures	Balance
Sam Lake House — Art. No. 6, 1981	\$20,000.00	\$19,439.50	\$ 560.50
Fire Department — Art. No. 10, 1981	2,532.00	2,532.00	. . . .
Town Garage — Art. No. 9, 1981	2,500.00	507.60	1,992.40
Tax Maps — Art. No. 13, 1980	10,000.00	1,052.60	8,947.40
	<u>\$35,032.00</u>	<u>\$23,531.70</u>	<u>\$11,500.30</u>
			25,427.91
			<u>11,500.30</u>
			<u><u>\$13,927.61</u></u>

REPORT OF THE SELECTMEN

The completion of renovations to the Sam Lake House, authorized at last town meeting, has resulted in making adequate and accessible office and meeting space available to the various boards and individuals using the town offices. We are indebted to the Building Committee, chaired by Mary Ellen Fifield, for their guidance and to our contractor, Tom Cochrane, for a job professionally done, on time and within the budget. In addition, we want to thank all those who volunteered their time and effort to the renovation.

We have been reviewing our office practices with particular attention focused on financial affairs. As a result a new budget, accounting and financial reporting system has been developed and adopted for use. We expect that this new system will provide the basis for more adequate and timely reporting of financial information on which to base decisions.

Among the many issues the town meeting will consider is Article No. 10 which would authorize semi-annual town billing. A substantial budget item is interest expense which is incurred in borrowing money in anticipation of tax receipts. This added about one dollar to the tax rate this year. Passage of Article 10 would result in substantial savings to the town.

There is another issue we would like to bring to your attention, i.e. conversion of buildings for use as apartments. Apartments are allowed by special exception in the Residential (R) zone only. This means that anyone planning to create an apartment must apply to the Board of Adjustment for approval. Those apartments presently in town and constructed after March 7, 1972 are **illegal** if special exceptions have not been received.

Questions concerning this matter should be addressed to Building Inspector Greg Miller or the Board of Selectmen.

Arthur E. Hudson Jr.
James Ashworth
Robert Scarponi

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT
Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1981 (June 30, 1982)

		DEBITS	
		Levies Of:	Prior
	1981	1980	
Uncollected Taxes --- Beginning of Fiscal Year			
Property Taxes		\$179,731.48	\$30,496.05
Resident Taxes		1,150.00	20.00
Land Use Change Taxes		5,785.00	
Yield Taxes		6,549.11	
Taxes Committed to Collector:			
Property Taxes	\$679,255.04		
Resident Taxes	8,140.00		
National Bank Stock Taxes	7.00		
Land Use Change Taxes	4,810.00		
Yield Taxes	2,658.71		
Added Taxes:			
Property Taxes		345.95	
Resident Taxes	320.00		
Overpayments:			
a/c Property Taxes	48.20	597.98	
a/c Resident Taxes	40.00	11.00	
Interest Collected on Delinquent			
Property Taxes	65.37	3,961.79	1,284.12
Penalties Collected on			
Resident Taxes	21.00	69.00	
TOTAL DEBITS	\$695,365.22	\$198,201.31	\$31,800.17

CREDITS

Remittances to Treasurer During Fiscal Year			
Property Taxes	\$486,394.16	\$180,270.76	\$ 13,037.42
Resident Taxes	7,450.00	820.00	
Yield Taxes	2,501.26	5,399.85	
National Bank Stock Taxes	7.00		
Land Use Change Taxes	4,610.00	4,796.54	
Interest Collected During Year	65.37	3,961.79	1,284.12
Penalties on Resident Taxes	21.00	69.00	
Abatements Made During Year:			
Property Taxes	38.10	534.11	30.96
Resident Taxes	60.00	180.00	
Uncollected Taxes — End of Fiscal Year:			
(As Per Collector's List)			
Property Taxes	192,860.88		17,427.67
Resident Taxes	1,000.00	140.00	20.00
Yield Tax	157.45	1,149.26	
Land Use Change Taxes	200.00	880.00	
TOTAL CREDITS	<u>\$695,365.22</u>	<u>\$198,201.31</u>	<u>\$31,800.17</u>

SUMMARY OF TAX SALES ACCOUNTS
Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1981 (June 30, 1982)

DEBITS					Previous Years
Tax Sales on Account of Levies Of:					
	1980	1979	1978		
Balance of Unredeemed Taxes — Beginning Fiscal Year *	\$	\$21,242.10	\$9,253.95		\$18,696.24
Taxes Sold to Town During Current Fiscal Year **	45,871.67	.....	.....		.....
Interest Collected After Sale	410.37	787.95	413.41		271.28
Redemption Costs	147.60	66.30	16.50		7.75
TOTAL DEBITS	<u>\$46,429.64</u>	<u>\$22,096.35</u>	<u>\$9,683.86</u>		<u>\$18,975.27</u>
CREDITS					
Remittances to Treasurer During Year					
Redemptions	\$17,741.58	\$9,162.95	\$3,874.47	\$	389.71
Interest & Costs After Sale	557.97	854.25	429.91		279.03
Abatements During Year	368.94	30.96	.....		.....
Deeded To Town During Year . . . . .	.....	.....	.....		.....
Unredeemed Taxes — End of Fiscal Year	27,761.15	12,048.19	5,379.48		18,306.53
Unremitted Cash . . . . .	.....	.....	.....		.....
TOTAL CREDITS	<u>\$46,429.64</u>	<u>\$22,096.35</u>	<u>\$9,683.86</u>		<u>\$18,975.27</u>

* These sums represent the total of Unredeemed Taxes, as of January 1, 1981 (July 1, 19___) from Tax Sales held in **Previous** Fiscal Years.

** Amount of Tax Sale(s) held during current fiscal year, including total amount of taxes, interest and costs to date of sale(s).

REPORT OF CEMETERY COMMISSION

Comments from visitors to Canterbury best express the care and condition of our cemeteries.

“So many times the meaningful things in our world are seldom appreciated or even noticed. We do appreciate the care that is shown in the Canterbury cemeteries. It must be a comfort to all the families who have loved ones there. Would you please thank in our behalf all who are responsible for doing such a dedicated job.”

“I would like to bring to your attention the remarkable efforts of Jim Fife who cares for the cemeteries in Canterbury. On his own, Mr. Fife graciously took me around with great care, patience and knowledge and together we discovered the headstone of a member of the Huntoon family who had lived in Canterbury prior to 1860. It was just what I was looking for. This would not have been possible if Mr. Fife had not resurrected the cemetery and expertly righted the various stones, thus bringing to light again and maintaining an important segment of our history. Canterbury is indeed fortunate to have such a valuable public servant.”

“The Historical Society and Conservation Commission have sponsored several Walkabouts this year and one of the areas we covered has been the cemeteries that are scattered around our town. It has been a pleasure to find these cemeteries in such wonderful condition. Mr. Fife cares and it shows. Inquiries are made about ancestors and gravesites and many nice comments are received from the people who have visited our cemeteries.”

We can indeed, all be proud of our cemeteries and its dedicated workers.

Virginia W. Dudley
Linwood Rogers
Charles DuBois
Cemetery Commissioners

Report of the Trust Funds of the Town of Canterbury on December 31, 1981

Date of Creation	Name & Purpose of Trust Fund	How Invested	PRINCIPAL			INCOME				
			Bal. Beginning	New Funds Created	Withdrawals	Balance End Year	Bal. Beginning	Income During Year	Expended During Year	Balance End Year
1873	Benjamin Whidden, Cong. Church	NH Savings Bank	200.00			200.00		30.26	17.58	12.68
1918	Lucia Maria Elkins, Library Books	NH Savings Bank	4,000.00			4,000.00		650.09	357.34	292.75
	Library Repairs	NH Savings Bank	1,000.00			1,000.00		162.52	89.34	73.18
1960	Frank Drew, Library Unrestricted	NH Savings Bank	3,000.00			3,000.00		487.57	268.00	219.57
1918	Lucia Maria Elkins, Sick and Worthy Poor	NH Savings Bank	6,987.00			6,987.00	1,087.61	1,175.92	558.50	1,705.03
1955	John Kezer, School District	NH Savings Bank	1,902.10			1,902.10		490.76	231.42	259.34
		Railroad Shares	633.60			633.60	93.60	71.10		164.70
1971	Thompson Memorial, 4-H Scholarship	NH Savings Bank	500.00			500.00	227.19	91.80	90.00	228.99
1968	Canterbury Youth Fund	NH Savings Bank	751.00			751.00	150.50	128.08		278.58
1960	Capital Reserve, New Equipment	NH Savings Bank	5,500.00	1,500.00		7,000.00	445.99	331.80		777.79
	Truck Reserve	NH Savings Bank	8,500.00	5,000.00	(8,500.00)	5,000.00	151.60	336.21	487.81	0.00
1965	Benevolent Fund, Glasses/Dental Care	NH Savings Bank	700.00			700.00	195.11	122.11		317.22
1908	Perpetual Care, Cemetery Lots	NH Savings Bank	11,225.00			11,225.00	1,326.24	1,898.88	2,865.85	359.27
1976	Cemetery Improvement Reserve Fund	NH Savings Bank	2,375.00			2,375.00	738.95	419.93		884.23
1972	Cemetery Improvement	NH Savings Bank	7,400.00	1,000.00		8,400.00	1,388.51	1,159.98	274.65	1,748.49
1965	Arthur & Mary Mudge, Library	NH Savings Bank	424.00			424.00		69.01	800.00	69.01
1981	Cruiser CAP Reserve, Police Cruiser	NH Savings Bank		1,000.00		1,000.00				
	TOTALS		55,097.70	8,500.00	(8,500.00)	55,097.70	5,805.30	7,626.02	6,040.49	7,390.83

REPORT OF THE CANTERBURY FUND

During calendar year 1981, Trustees of the Fund authorized payment of grants in the amount of \$2,178.00 and loans in the amount of \$4,900.00 for a total Grant and Loan expenditure of \$7,078.00. Other expenditures from cash assets were Safe Deposit Box Rental \$10.00, Filing Fee expense \$25.00 for a total cash expenditure of \$7,113.00. Cash income consisted of \$473.37 in interest from the Savings Account, \$153.00 partial loan repayment, and \$3,150.00 pro-rata share income from the Canterbury Fair. Total income to the cash account for the year was \$3,776.37.

The Fund has three Bank Certificates of Deposit which earned \$1,700.27 in interest during the year. The established value of the Bank Certificates of Deposit is \$16,658.34.

Shares of stock owned by the Fund earned dividends and capital gains in the amount of \$451.10 which were automatically reinvested in additional shares of stock. The market value of shares of stock over the book value as of this report is \$2,784.54. Book value is currently \$12,151.91.

ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

Assets:

Cash, Savings	7,437.86	
Cash, Checking	<u>365.57</u>	7803.43

Investments:

Bank Certificates	16,658.34	
Stock (Book)	<u>12,151.91</u>	<u>28,810.25</u>

Total Current Assets		\$36,613.68
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Liabilities:

		<u>0.00</u>
Value of Fund		\$36,613.68

INCOME AND EXPENSE STATEMENT

Cash Account	Income	Expense	Gain (Loss)
Grants and Loans		7,078.00	(7,078.00)
Rental		10.00	(10.00)
Filing Fee		25.00	(25.00)
Loan Repayment	153.00		153.00
Fair Income	3,150.00		3,150.00
Interest	473.37		473.37
Sub-total	3,776.37	7,113.00	(3,336.63)
Investment Account			
Dividends and Capital Gains	451.10		451.10
Reinvestment		451.10	(451.10)
Int. (Cert. of Dep.)	1,700.27		1,700.27
Sub-total	2,101.37	451.10	1,650.27
Totals	\$5,877.74	\$7,564.00	(\$1,686.36)

SAM LAKE TRUST ACCOUNT

Principal Balance 12/31/80	\$56,040.27
Total Receipts during 1980	
Interest & Dividends	5,105.18
Total Disbursements during 1980	
To Beneficiaries	
Canterbury Sunday School	25.00
Town of Canterbury	
Interest & Principal on note	4,633.33
Expenses of Administration	38.44
Compensation for Trustee	408.41
Total payment from income	<u>\$ 5,105.18</u>

REPORT OF THE CANTERBURY HISTORICAL SOCIETY — 1981

Another year has become history, and it is time to record the activities of our Society for that year.

The major accomplishment was the work done on the glass negative collection. Ginny Plisko had charge of this project. She and other volunteers have cataloged the collection and made cyanotype prints of each negative. The originals have been put in protective envelopes and boxes. Ginny gave many hours to this project and we are most grateful. Now, we need help with identification. Anyone who would like to take a trip “down memory lane,” we would like to hear from you.

We had a varied selection of programs this past year and I think something to please everyone at one time or another. Some of our programs were: Climbing in the White Mountains in the past 100 years; a wonderful program on Stenciling given by well-known author Kenneth Jewitt; a lovely “Walk-About” was held in May, before the black flies, in joint effort with the Conservation Commission; a Sharing Program brought out many lovely items from our collectors in town; and a great “Pot Belly Stove” folklore and story hour was held with Patti and Dudley Laufman, the narrators.

Our Christmas Open House, planned for the first Sunday in December met with a blizzard. We did have our party the following week and it was enjoyed by all who could come. Our museum was very festive and large tree with its hand-made ornaments and paper chains, a delight.

I wish to thank everyone for their time and help, especially, our members who put in so much time to make the Shaker Sandwich Shop a success. We would

love to have more of you join us. It is your town and it has a wonderful heritage to preserve.

Winola Stokes,
President
Harvey McGranahan,
Vice President
Virginia Bouchard,
Secretary
Mary Ann Sanborn,
Treasurer
Marjorie Bruner,
Corresponding Secretary

ELKINS LIBRARY REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES

Elkins Library occupies a prominent place in Canterbury Center geographically and should hold this position in the recreational and educational life of the community as well. This year has been a prosperous one for the library — increased book circulation, increased patron usage, increased resident interest. Our building held up admirably, no major repairs needed, though plumbing, well repairs and roof problems remain a serious concern.

While our budget increased only slightly for 1982 maintenance costs continue to spiral. This year we have enlisted the aid of Bucky Rollins and the building and grounds reflect his abilities and care. The entryway has been repaired and enhanced through the efforts of Dale Caswell and repairs to the library sign and porch roof will be completed this spring. Landscape planning will be initiated this year and gradually carried out as funding and time permit.

The Trustees wish to thank the many residents who completed our questionnaire. The results have been tabulated and the Trustees are considering the various responses and recommendations. Certain changes in library hours and policies will result, as will a series of programs initiated in response to the various informational, educational and recreational goals voiced by respondents.

The Trustees also wish to extend their thanks to Tom Nicoletta, Don Niswander and Jackie Gilman for their dedicated library service. This year Lois Johanson and Judy Egan joined the Trustees and both have been valuable assets to the Library. Special thanks also go to Bill Haney and Mason Newick appointed to fill temporary vacancies on the Board of Trustees.

The Library continues to function smoothly under Claudia Leidinger's care. Claudia continues her exceptional work freely giving of her time and energies in many volunteer efforts as well as in those required of the town librarian. Julie Brillhart has been added to the library staff, assisting Claudia. She replaces Chris Hunt who resigned to work as a school library aide. Our thanks and good wishes go with Chris.

No attempt to voice our gratitude would be complete without thanking our many library patrons for their support of and interest in the library, and the Selectmen for their concern with and understanding of library problems.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Ann Sanborn, Chairman
Toni Halla, Secretary
Mason Newick, Treasurer
Judy Egan
Lois Johanson
Bill Lott

REPORT FROM THE LIBRARIAN

Elkins Library

January 1, 1981 through December 31, 1981

Books Purchased	207
Books Donated	45
Magazines Subscribed To	8

Circulation for 1981

	State	Elkins	Books Added
Adult Fiction	331	1,850	69
Adult Non-fiction	103	783	32
Youth Fiction	257	2,925	86
Youth Non-fiction	25	396	20
Magazines		223	
Totals	716	6,177	207

Total circulation — 6,893 books and magazines.

Elkins Library's circulation continues to increase, as does the number of people using the library. This year we filled a large number of special requests from the State Library, and we had the use of over 700 state books courtesy of the new van service. We ran a successful summer reading program, capped by a sundae party. The Christmas open-house was very well attended, even Santa was able to come. We hope with the results of the questionnaires to get more programs, films, story hours, etc. to the town in 1982.

Claudia Leidinger,
Librarian
Julie Brillhart,
Assistant Librarian

ELKINS PUBLIC LIBRARY

Treasurer's Report — 1980

Receipts:

Balance on hand Jan. 1, 1981	\$ 57.17	
Town of Canterbury Approp.	7,179.12	
Trust Funds:		
Elkins Trust — Books	357.34	
Elkins Trust — Repairs	89.34	
Drew Trust — Unrestricted	268.00	
Canterbury Fair Book Sale	497.62	
Miscellaneous	39.03	
	<hr/>	8,448.59

Disbursements:

Equipment and Supplies:

Canterbury Country Store	13.51	
Merr. City Savings (checks)	4.18	
Postmaster — Canterbury	29.45	
M.A. Sanborn —		
(postage for questionnaire)	72.00	
Toni Halla —		
(printing of questionnaire)	81.49	
Rivco — (window replacement)	38.60	
Christine Hunt	17.41	
Claudia Leidinger	19.00	
Judy Egan —		
(supplies for Open House)	22.35	
	<hr/>	297.99

Books and Magazines:

Gibsons Book Store	672.79
Apple Tree Book Store	600.99
Reci Books	189.29
Doubleday	6.23
Ranger Rick	10.50

Cricket	14.00	
National Geographic	11.50	
Sesame Street	7.95	
Electric Company Magazine	7.95	
Reading Enrichment	138.22	
Demco	109.48	
Claudia Leidinger (reimbursement for books)	<u>36.90</u>	1,806.13
Concord Electric		345.26
New England Telephone		192.95
Ferns Oil Company		892.02
Maintenance and Repairs:		
Roger Landry (vent stack)	37.00	
Canterbury Cemetery Commission (lawn care)	200.00	
Phillip Rollins (maintenance)	47.10	
Dale Caswell	176.00	
James Albert (handyman)	27.99	
Charles Dean	<u>14.15</u>	502.24
Dues, Meetings:		
OASI Fund, Treasurers	1.00	
New Hampshire Library Trustees Association	<u>30.00</u>	31.00
Librarian Salaries (Net):		
Claudia Leidinger	1,278.48	

Christine Hunt	759.31	
Julia Brillhart	<u>182.96</u>	2,220.75

Social Security —		
Treasurer — State of N.H.	<u>342.66</u>	342.66

Miscellaneous:

Town of Canterbury		
(unexpended 1980 funds)	57.17	
Concord National Bank	5.00	
Town of Canterbury		
(unexpended 1981 funds)	<u>1,794.78*</u>	
		<u>1,856.95</u>
Total Disbursements		\$8,487.62
Balance on Hand 1-1-82		0

* Please note that high return of library funds to town is due to anticipated extensive roof repairs which became unnecessary and higher Trust Fund and Book Fair yields.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Ann Sanborn
Chairman

1981 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

As of now, the Department consists of a fully trained chief who can be reached at any time through central dispatch or directly. There is also a trained officer that fills in when the chief is off duty. The State Police are automatically involved in major crimes.

Briefly, the following shows how the time is spent by the Department:

Motorist assistance	79
Motor vehicle accidents	66
Phone calls	1,788
Animal complaints	57
Vandalism complaints	30
Prowler complaints	8
Security checks, No. of locations	70
Burglaries	24
Residents complaints of suspicious vehicles	36
Residents complaints of speeding, parking, etc.	14
Disturbance calls	46
Assistance to other P.D.'s	122

REPORT OF THE CANTERBURY VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

The number of calls that the Canterbury Volunteer Fire Department responded to in 1981 was 139, this staying very much in line with 1980 calls: 35 medical emergencies, 20 mutual aid calls, 14 automobile accidents, 15 grass and brush fires, 15 chimney fires, 13 service calls, 9 electrical fires, 11 reported structural fires, 7 automobile fires.

In the past several months the Fire Department has been conducting a survey to update road maps, to plot new people and dwellings on our survey cards and to issue phone stickers. If you have not been surveyed in the last few months and you do not have proper information for reporting a fire or medical emergency, please contact any Canterbury Volunteer Fire Department member.

Each year the concern for wood stove safety grows, the reason being that more and more people are turning to wood as a source of heat. The Canterbury Fire Department is very much concerned with the safety of you, your family and your property with regard to the use of wood stoves. Please feel free to contact the Fire Department for proper guidelines for wood stove installation and operation.

Yours in Fire Safety,

Chief Philip "Bucky" Rollins

REPORT OF THE CANTERBURY PLANNING BOARD — 1981

Although applications for subdivisions have been fewer, compared with the past four years, the Planning Board has been fully occupied with its primary function in the area of planning. The long-awaited revised master plan — “The Plan for Tomorrow” — was printed early in the year and copies made available to the townspeople. The capital improvements program, which had been prepared before the end of 1980, was distributed jointly with the town report.

A number of significant revisions to the zoning ordinance were developed and most of them adopted by ballot vote at town meeting. However, the need for further amendments was under-scored by the reaction of the town to a tentative proposal for a condominium; still more amendments are required to obtain compliance with legislation enacted by the 1981 legislature, particularly in connection with the mobile home law, and these will be presented to the voters at the March, 1982, town meeting. Concurrently, regulations for site plan review are being prepared and the subdivision regulations are being revised, to make both of them consistent with the changes expected in the zoning ordinance.

The town-owned industrial site continues to receive attention and the Board has obtained encouragement from the Office of State Planning and the Small Business Development Program to proceed with a feasibility study.

No major subdivisions were proposed this year and of the 11 applications for minor subdivisions, 10 were approved, resulting in the creation of 12 new lots.

Again this year, attendance at the public hearings on zoning changes has been sparse. These hearings are held to inform the townspeople of what the Board is planning for the future of the town, and to receive input as to what direction the voters want the town to take. Planning for the future not only will guide the town as to growth and character, but ultimately will have a direct impact on future tax rates. More effort should be made by the voters to become informed through these hearings so that they may intelligently vote on the propositions on the warrant.

It's **YOUR** future we're planning, take part in it.

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Geno, Chairman
James H. Pannell, Secretary
James Ashworth
Kay Bogle
James F. Carter
Ronald L. Corriveau
Richard A. Dickson, Jr.
Ken Bouchard, Alternate
Sally Kieley, Alternate

REPORT OF THE CENTRAL NEW HAMPSHIRE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

The Central New Hampshire Regional Planning Commission has been in existence since 1970 and during this period has continued its involvement in studies of both a regional as well as a local nature. The Commission acts as an advisory body to its member municipalities and as such is often invited to participate in local planning projects.

As part of the ongoing technical assistance provided the Commission has written several memoranda to the planning board regarding changes in the state laws and the best manner in which to comply with these changes. The Commission has also provided information and advice to the board of adjustment regarding meeting notices and special exceptions.

The Commission again sponsored a series of legal seminars for local officials which was well attended.

The Commission hopes to be able to continue to serve the needs of its member municipalities in the future and fully appreciates the past support of its activities by the Town of Canterbury.

Respectfully submitted,

Fred Bruner
Sabin W. Guertin

Canterbury Representatives
to the Commission

REPORT OF THE CANTERBURY RECREATION COMMITTEE

The Recreation Committee in 1981 devoted much of its efforts to continued work on the recreational fields at the Elementary School. If all goes as planned, both the old lower field and the newly expanded upper field will be ready for use this Spring. The most critical process this past year was to get the new portion of the upper field either seeded or sodded. The Gold Star Sod Farm of Canterbury agreed to donate a significant amount of sod for the field but because we could not be assured of enough help to get the sod laid down properly, we decided to use grass seed instead. We thank the sod farm for their generous offer. The grass seed and fertilizer were spread in the Fall and grass was growing prior to the cold weather. This Spring the remaining rocks need to be removed and the stone dust on the infield needs to be spread and leveled. Once these items are completed both fields should be ready for use.

Another area that the Recreation Committee was involved in was establishing a volleyball court next to the Town pond. With the help of Hugh Fifield and his men, posts were installed and the net appropriated by the Town was attached prior to July 4th. Unfortunately, shortly after the Fourth, the net was missing and has not yet been recovered — a very disturbing event. One bright note is that a new net will be bought out of the proceeds of the Memorial Day Road Race but it will obviously be necessary to control its use very carefully.

On the subject of budgeting recreational expenditures in 1982, the Committee took the position that due to two years of heavy tax increases it was appropriate not to ask for recreational expenditures in the new budget. We did, however, ask the Town to expand its liability insurance coverage to cover the people involved in running

and/or coaching recreational programs sponsored by the Town. This has been done by the Selectmen.

We thank those of you who have helped the Committee in its accomplishments this past year and ask for more widespread support in 1982. If you want to help or have any suggestions, please contact any of the Committee members.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Ennis, Chairman
Kathy Gelinis
Thomas Geno
William Messer
Virginia Plisko

**TOWN OF CANTERBURY
ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT
1981 REVIEW**

Case Number	Applicant	Applied For	Decision
1981-1	Edward Sliva	Variance from set-back	Unnecessary
1981-2	John Margerison	Spec. Ex. for Multi-family	Granted
1981-3	Linda Conyers	Spec. Ex. for Home Occup.	Granted
1981-4	Peter Angwin	Spec. Ex. for Home Occup.	Denied
1981-5	Steven Malinsky	Appeal from Admin. Decis'n	Denied
1981-6	James Ashworth	Spec. Ex. for Home Occup.	Granted

**BUILDING CODES BOARD OF APPEAL
1981 REVIEW**

Case Number	Applicant	Applied For	Decision
1981-1a	Kevin Hunt	Wood shingles	Granted
1981-2a	Glenn Geiger	Wood shingles	Granted
1981-3a	Michael Winograd	Wood shingles	Granted
1982-4a	James Ashworth	Wood shingles	Granted

REPORT OF THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

The Conservation Commission's major project for the past year has been working toward acquisition of a 10 acre marsh/upland area on Peverly Brook, North of Baptist Road. Surveys and appraisals were completed and application for federal cost sharing was made to the Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service. The application process involved a large amount of time and paper work and has been a learning and at times, quite frustrating experience. With the cutbacks in federal spending, it is uncertain, at this time, whether the project will be funded.

As was mentioned in last year's report, a gift of 22 acres including Kimball Pond had been negotiated. However, unforeseen problems with the owners have delayed the actual deed transfer. The Conservation Commission anticipates Town ownership of this natural area in the near future.

Several dredge and fill applications to the State Wetlands Board have been reviewed, as well as electric line locations on scenic roads.

A spring "walk-about" to the Osgoodite Cemetery and Forest Pond Brook Falls and Mill Site was sponsored by the Commission. About 30 people spent a beautiful spring afternoon enjoying some of Canterbury's natural and historic areas.

Respectfully submitted,

Canterbury Conservation Commission

Dale Caswell

Robert Fife

Ann Fifield

Paul Sanborn

Karolyn Sidway

Winola Stokes

Jim Carter, Chairman

REPORT OF THE CONCORD REGIONAL VISITING NURSE ASSOCIATION

Visits made during the year beginning October 1, 1980 to September 30, 1981 were:

Nursing	140 visits
Home Health Aide	9 visits
Physical Therapist	0
Homemaker	285 units
Nutritionist	1
Occupational Therapist	2

The Concord Regional Visiting Nurse Association, Inc., continued to service Canterbury for this past year. They have provided skilled nursing care for anyone sick in the home, especially those needing continuity of care after discharge from the hospital. They are available to give hypodermic injections, change surgical dressings, and do other treatments prescribed by the attending physician. When indicated, family members have been instructed to give care between the nurse's visits.

Therapy services; such as, physical therapy, speech therapy, occupational therapy, and nutritional guidance have been given by the therapists in order to assist with the rehabilitation of an acute or chronic illness.

When family members are unable to supply all the needed care, a staff of homemaker/home health aides is available to give physical care, do light housekeeping, and assist with meal planning and meal preparation.

The nurses are delighted to advise new and expectant mothers in the care of themselves and their babies. They are also glad to work with families and individuals on normal nutrition, sickness, and accident prevention.

Anyone in Canterbury may request these services —

doctor, family, pastor, friend, or the patient himself. Patients are also referred by clinics and other agencies. All calls are answered, but continuing home care can be provided only under a doctor's orders.

A call to the Concord Regional Visiting Nurse Association, Inc., (224-4093) between the hours of 8 a.m. and 9:00 p.m., seven days a week is all that is necessary to start services or make inquiries. Fees may be scaled for those unable to pay the charge if that person has no other funding source available, such as insurance coverage. The patient will be responsible for remainder of bill.

Sincerely,

Lutie K. Piper,
Executive Director

December 1, 1981

Vital
Statistics
1981

Births Registered in the Town of Canterbury for the Year Ending December 31, 1981

Date of Birth	Place of Birth	Name of Child (If Any)	Sex	Name of Father	Maiden Name of Mother	Residence of Parents	Birthplace of Mother	Birthplace of Father
1981								
Jan. 2	Laconia	Abraham Knott Garon	M.	Richard Kenneth Garon	Kathryn Ellen Knott	Canterbury	N.H.	N.H.
14	Canterbury	Noah Anthony Townsend	M.	David Pancoast Townsend	Gaylan Campbell Woodman	Canterbury	N.Y.	Penn
Mar. 15	Concord	Laura Marie Thompson	F.	Gordon Dean Thompson	Dorothy Ann Weiss	Canterbury	N.J.	N.J.
Apr. 4	Concord	Gavin Stafford Weand	M.	Lance Lamar Weand	Dawn Louise Carson	Canterbury	Penn.	Penn.
24	Concord	Joshua Brendon Cross	M.	Barry Stewart Cross	Linda Elaine Garland	Canterbury	N.H.	N.H.
July 8	Concord	Sadi-Lyn Shumway	F.	Alan Shumway	Barbara Marianne Hoogerzein	Canterbury	Mass.	Me.
9	Laconia	Matthew Raymond Byrom	M.	Samuel Eugene Byrom	Pierrette Marie Bilodeau	Canterbury	Mass.	Neb.
18	Concord	Kristen Emily Near	F.	Glenn Willard Near	Michele Feliciotti	Canterbury	Penn.	N.J.
20	Concord	Catharine Neilson Newick	F.	Mason Newick	Catharine Ann Sheehan	Canterbury	Mass.	Me.
21	Concord	Hannah Andrews Dickinson	F.	Joseph Andrews Dickinson	Deborah Anne Kane	Canterbury	N.Y.	Penn.
Oct. 9	Concord	Benjamin James Bailey	M.	David Arthur Bailey	Cynthia Lilly	Canterbury	N.H.	N.H.
13	Laconia	Kimberly Jean Cass	F.	James Stanley Cass	Nancy Jean Corriveau	Canterbury	N.H.	N.H.
Nov. 7	Concord	Stephen William Glines	M.	Leroy Arthur Glines	Emily Ann Bogle	Canterbury	Fla.	N.H.
19	Concord	Steven Michael Crowell	M.	Rogert Eugene Crowell, Jr.	Nancy Dee Wilson	Canterbury	N.H.	Me.
Dec. 5	Concord	Erin Lynn Berry	F.	Kenneth Robert Berry	Ann Elizabeth Colborne	Canterbury	Canada	N.H.
11	Concord	Nicole Marie Balch	F.	George Eric Balch	Jennifer Lee Heins	Canterbury	N.H.	England
11	Concord	Amanda Lee Balch	F.	George Eric Balch	Jennifer Lee Heins	Canterbury	N.H.	England
13	Concord	Rebecca Ann Lacey	F.	Jeffrey David Lacey	Brenda Lee Welcome	Canterbury	N.H.	N.H.
24	Concord	Tanner Zachary Nolin	M.	Barry Gerard Nolin	Karen Ruth Taylor	Canterbury	N.H.	N.H.

I hereby certify that the above return is correct, according to the best of my knowledge and belief.

CHERYL A. GORDON, Town Clerk

**Marriages Registered in the Town of Canterbury for
the Year Ending December 31, 1981**

Date of Marriage	Place of Marriage	Name of Groom and Bride	Residence of Each
1981			
March 13	Auburn, ME.	John A. Clairmont Paula R. Connell	Canterbury Canterbury
May 9	Hooksett	Mark A. Tetrault Susan J. Theos	Goffstown Canterbury
June 6	Penacook	Richard A. Colby Charlene T. Achorn	Canterbury Concord
June 6	Canterbury	Kent W. Ruesswick Doneta M. Fischer	Canterbury Canterbury
June 20	Canterbury	Edward F. Orłowski Ilene Leonard	Canterbury Canterbury
June 27	Canterbury	Jonathan F. Saunders Kathleen M. Sandburg	Canterbury Belmont
June 27	Belmont	Scott C. Shibles Sheryl Kay Mooney	Canterbury Belmont
Aug. 16	Canterbury	Steven R. Lamb Robin E. Williams	Canterbury Centre Harbor
Aug. 23	Canterbury	Joel D. Backon Mindy L. Turck	Burlington, MA. Burlington, MA.
Aug. 29	Canterbury	Douglas R. Nelson Beverly A. Matott	Canterbury Canterbury
Sept. 19	Meredith	Mark D. Ruesswick Deborah L. Flynn	Canterbury Meredith

I hereby certify that the above return is correct, according to the best of my knowledge and belief.

CHERYL A. GORDON, Town Clerk

Deaths Registered in the Town of Canterbury for the Year Ending December 31, 1981

Date of Death	Place of Death	Name and Surname of Deceased	Age	Place of Birth	Sex	Race	Mar. Status	Occupation	Name of Father	Maiden Name of Mother
1981										
Apr. 17	Concord	Leo L. Bouley	53	N.H.	M	W	M	Railway worker	Joseph Bouley	Eva Varin
May 11	Concord	Dawn L. Weand	31	Penn.	F	W	M	Housewife	William Carson	Shirley Stafford
July 26	Concord	Raymond S. Roers	74	N.H.	M	W	M	Letter Carrier	Charles J. Roers	Maude Clark
Aug. 21	Concord	Aurora Greenwood	80	N.H.	F	W	W	Housewife	Alphonse Boucher	Anastasia LaBlanc
Oct. 3	Concord	Virginia M. Heath	58	N.Y.	F	W	M	Housewife	Walter Bauer	Bertha Kuhn
Nov. 4	Canterbury	Bess I. Pawson	93	N.J.	F	W	S	Insurance Executive	Eugene M. Pawson	Carrie F. Kelsey
20	Canterbury	Sylvia M. Cochrane	49	N.H.	F	W	M	Housewife	Verne Stevens	Gladys Briggs
Dec. 14	Concord	Malcolm L. Wilkins	83	Vt.	M	W	M	Director of Safety	Herbert E. Wilkins	Lillian Lamprey

I hereby certify that the above return is correct, according to the best of my knowledge and belief.

CHERYL A. GORDON, Town Clerk

Whenever Jacob Osgood led the services, he sat in a chair with his eyes closed and one hand on the side of his face. It was said that "He would talk and weep and laugh almost at the same instant, and his talk never seemed tedious and wearisome, like the talk of many, but new and full of life. . . ." At the point when conversation stagnated, Jacob would say, "If there's no more to be said, meeting's done."

Osgoodite marriages proved equally unique, as described by this 1835 newspaper account.

"In Canterbury, on Sunday evening last, by themselves, Mr. Josiah Haines to Miss Polly Ames, both of Canterbury. This sacred right was performed in the presence of a number of respectable friends, in a plain republican manner. Standing face to face in a solemn and respectable posture, they rehearsed the marriage vows, declared themselves man and wife, without the formal assistance of a Clergyman. After the truly novel and interesting ceremony was over, and their hands were unclasped, Mr. Ordway, an Osgoodite speaker, made an appropriate prayer; and no one doubts but they commence their new relation towards each other, with fair prospects for a happy life."

Bizarre austerity characterized the Osgoodites in death as in life. Unpainted, undecorated locally made caskets of pine were customary. Funerary rites were no different than any other service, "with no pomp or display shown for the departed. . . ." Versified tidbits of Osgoodite doctrine commonly comprised their epitaphs. That of Canterbury elder Josiah Haynes is classic in this regard:

Josiah

*He was a blessing to the saints,
To sinners rich and poor.
He was a kind and worthy man.
He's gone to be no more.
He kept his faith unto the end
And left the world in peace.
He did not for a doctor send
Nor for a hireling priest.*

Targets of Osgoodite wrath abounded, and were referred to in their hymns and spiritual songs. Professional people such as doctors, lawyers, judges and paid clergy were especially despised.

*The doctors they are craftsmen too,
Your money they have got in view.
The lawyer's craft it is the same,
They get their money from poor men;
They do no work, but love to cheat,
While on the table rest their feet.
Their judges all are wicked men.
No justice have they got in them.*

All other established religions they disdained, particularly Universalists, Millerites (a Millerite group around mid-century ascended a hill on Governor's Island in Lake Winnepesaukee and waited for the

world's end), and the ones cited in parts of Hymn 11 below:

*The Methodists, with their ungodly religion,
I think will destroy all this land.
The Free-Willers and clergy are whoring together,
The Calvin and Baptists besides;
The Shakers and Quakers, and more I could mention,
To the mother of harlots are tied.*

Assaulted in song were such as Daniel Webster, Henry Clay, William Henry Harrison, the Republicans, the Whigs, the federal government and New Hampshire state government.

*My Governor, he is King of Kings,
But yours you vote for every spring.
And after all it is a fact,
You must work hard to pay your tax.
I never read the God above
Did tax the people whom he loved.
In Concord they have built a house
For to maintain the devil's craft.
Poor laboring men work night and day,
For to get money them to pay,
While they're in pride and drinking punch.
These things are wrong, you'll say at once.*

Osgoodite anti-war doctrine aligned them against the Civil War, abolitionist movements, and Abraham Lincoln, whom they openly called a "tyrant," "a fool," and "mad." At least one historian has called them Copperheads in attitude.

Controversies arose from this pacifist bent, since New Hampshire law demanded militia training for all male citizens. The Osgoodites refused not only to appear for training, but also ignored subsequent fines. Some of the believers were jailed between 1819 and 1826, and others were persecuted by police or had their personal effects stolen. Finally Jacob Osgood himself had to appear in court at Warner and answer to Judge Henry B. Chase:

When he said, "I am a gospel preacher," Chase answered, "You prove that." "You prove that I am not," said Brother Osgood. Chase then said, "Who ordained you?" "You tell me who ordained Jesus Christ," said he, "and I will tell you who ordained me." Chase made no answer. Brother Osgood then said, "Who made you a judge?" He said, "God." "Did God make you a judge to condemn his children?" said Brother Osgood. "No, no," said Chase, "God has nothing to do with our works." Brother Nehemiah Ordway then spoke and said: "You will find that God has something to do about it before you get through." And as they talked Chase trembled, for the power of God fell on him, and on the people and some were in tears.

The colorful volley was in vain, for Osgood and the brothers Ordway, Nehemiah and Samuel, were jailed at Hopkinton July 1, 1820. The group welcomed a chance to appear as martyrs. Lots of

visitors came and plenty of food and drink was available. Jacob commenced an autobiography, but was interrupted 11 days after being locked up when authorities freed him. Amusingly, he reasoned that since he was brought there against his will, the captors would have to bodily remove him and take home. Simple enough, except that Jacob Osgood weighed in excess of 300 pounds. Plummer Wheeler, another of the Brethren, filled the vacancy. High costs of feeding the 'Warner Three' caused the jailer to request state aid, unsuccessfully. So the trio was released in September 1821.

Jacob's disciples abstained from tobacco and alcoholic liquors, excepting cider and beer consumed sparingly during haying season. They blasted the temperance movement, however, mainly because other churches supported it.

Annals contain few specifics about the Warner Osgoodite village. Fortunately there is good documentation on the Canterbury flock at Zion Hill, known early in this century as Palletborough or Lost Ridge. Zion Hill's Osgoodite settlement consisted of 22 farmsteads, a schoolhouse, gristmill, brick kiln and 30 families.

Their farms were arranged roughly in a semicircle on a ridge that focuses about the northern end of Morrill's Pond. The area was settled mainly after the Revolutionary War, and some descendants of original occupants became Osgoodites at a later period. Apple cultivation flourished, and at one time the region exported annually one or two thousand barrels full, a possible explanation for the affinity for cider in haying season.

Elder Josiah Haynes led the Canterbury group, and Nehemiah Ordway (father of New Hampshire Governor N.G. Ordway) and Charles H. Colby took over jointly as head elders after Brother Jacob died. It was in Canterbury Jacob Osgood performed a miraculous healing. Supposedly he cured a little girl with a hopeless case of consumption through the laying on of hands, to the amazement of local churchmen and citizens. On another occasion, Jacob prayed for excessive rains to stop so that the corn of Canterbury farmers wouldn't rot. Within a day's time it was said that warm sunny weather prevailed.

*The prophet Jacob he did pray
To God to take the clouds away,
And by his word they did go off,
The sun did shine upon the earth.
The prophet he did pray again,
To keep the frost off of his farm.
Up to the line the frost was seen,
But on his farm all things were green.
The prophet he did further pray
To God to take the cold away;
And soon the weather did come warm,
You all may know who see the corn.*

Jacob Osgood's death at age 68 in 1844 foreshadowed the sect's demise. He prophesied his doom the previous June, fell ill in August, recovered somewhat before having a relapse, and then died. Miriam Osgood lived on 37 more years and died at age 102 in 1882. Seven of their eight children outlived Jacob.

Without a strong leader to identify with, the sect shriveled up. No more converts were obtained. Canterbury meetings were held only twice a year by the 1870's, and by 1890 had ceased. The loss was great for non-Osgoodites in the community. Jacob's cheerfulness and unselfishness were beloved by all. When the infamous winter of 1836-1837 hit, Jacob Osgood freely doled out his own scarce silage and hay to neighbors who were in worse shape.

Jacob's manuscript for an autobiography, which he began in the jail, along with 19 hymns, was posthumously published at Warner in 1867. Elder Charles H. Colby elaborated on it somewhat, added 45 hymns, and republished the work in 1873.

The last Canterbury Osgoodite was Sally Grover, who died September 5, 1897. She was accustomed to popping in on neighborhood acquaintances during supper time, where she would get both a free meal and an opportunity to blase her hosts about any subject at any time during the meal. If Sally didn't favor the hostess she would tell the Lord out loud that the 'husband' was a just man who feared God.

Today, Zion Hill road, skirted with cellar holes, bears mute testimony to the efforts of an Osgoodite lifestyle. Rosettes of juniper clog their fields, tilled back when chestnut trees were king of the woods. No state or local historical markers commemorate the Osgoodite ghost town. Wide-eyed old-timers nearby relate hearsay of how the once productive farms on the hill mysteriously died out, as if struck by a plague. If one is persistent, the old cemetery may be found at the end of an overgrown range road traversing the hillside. There, the lichen encrusted tombstones that escaped last year's vandalism bring forth shades of Edgar Lee Master's *Spoon River Anthology* with their haunting poetry.

*Here beneath these marble stones
Sleeps the dust and rests the bones
Of one who lived a Christian Life.
Twas Hannah Haines, Josiah's wife.
She was a woman full of truth,
And feared God from early youth,
And priests and elders did her fight
Because she brought her deeds to light.*

— Courtesy of NH Times, March 13, 1974

Cemetery Restoration completed in 1981 by Raymond Fife (Junmy).

